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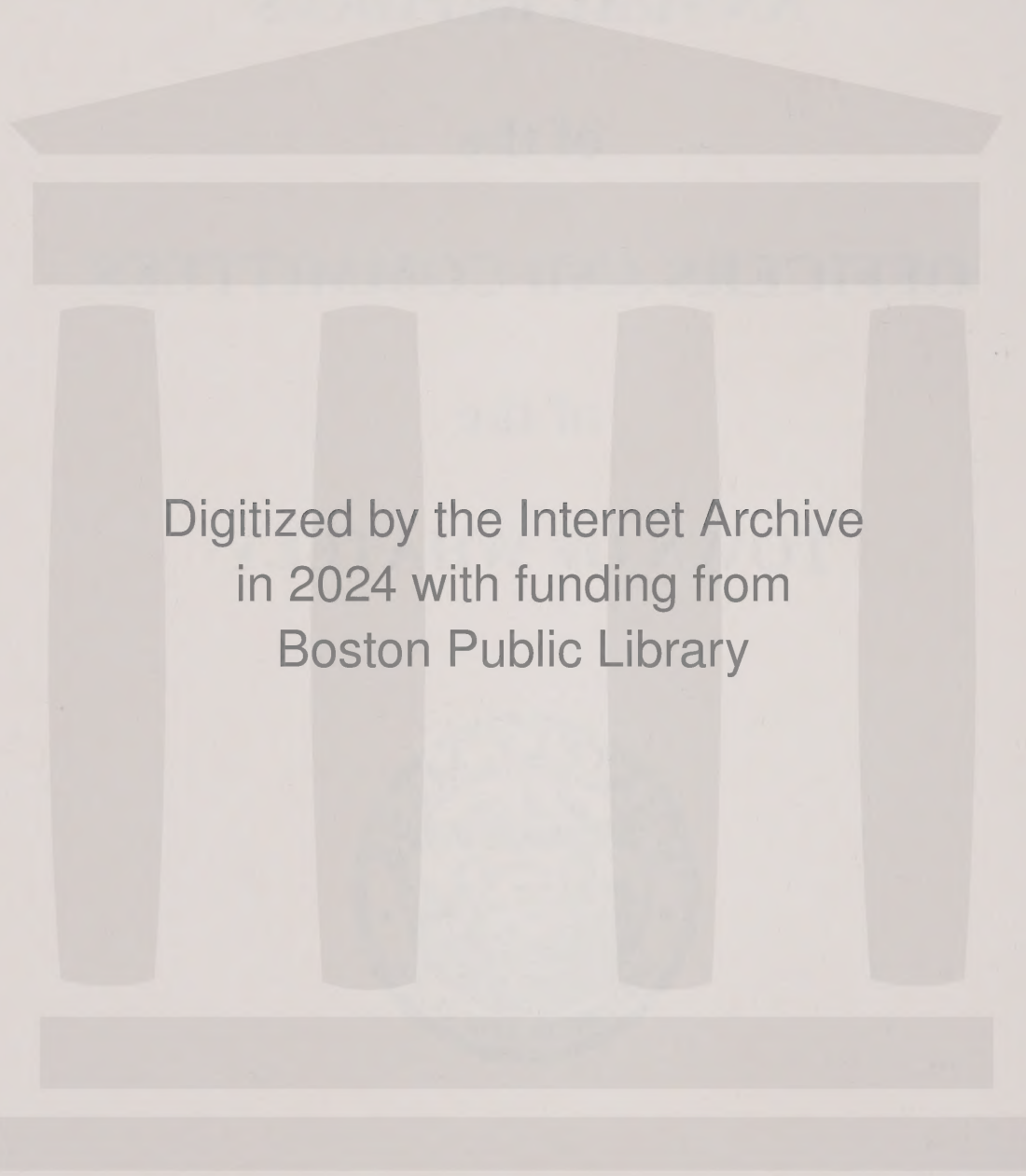
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Annual Report Dedication

To: Nat Fortune and Joyce Palmer-Fortune

One of the keys to keeping a small, rural town like Whately going are volunteers. The giving of one's personal time and energy to make one's community a better place is the essence of citizenship. Whately has many wonderful volunteers, (although we also have trouble filling spots on our committees). Every town has its short list of usual suspects-people who can be relied upon to serve when called, people who value civic engagement highly. Joyce and Nat are at the top of that list.

Nat and Joyce have organized and run campaigns, started new town initiatives, actively lobbied legislators in Boston, secured funding for several different town projects, and taken on technical financial, engineering, and communications challenges. All while raising their two sons, renovating a home, running for elected office, working full-time jobs and surviving a life-threatening illness.

In 2000, Joyce spearheaded the drive to make free, full-day kindergarten available to Whately families. Six years later, she orchestrated the "Whately is Worth It" campaign to secure passage of an override vote. She has served on the Frontier School Council since 2003. Joyce was an active member of the PTO and Whately Elementary School Council from 2000-2007. She was secretary of the PTO for six years and also was responsible for arranging biannual visits to the Union 38 School Council by area elected representatives for discussions on education issues.

Joyce is the founder and prime mover of our town newsletter, *The Scoop*. She tirelessly puts together every issue, coordinates the contributors, raises money, and arranges for the printing, folding, and mailing.

Joyce has been a key player in upgrading Whately's cable TV channel 15 which she took over from Liz Dwight (one of Whately's TV pioneers!). Joyce has been instrumental in the creation and deployment of the Frontier Cable Access TV channel 12 (of which you'll see much more very soon). Joyce assisted in negotiations with Comcast for Public, Educational and Government Access (PEG) television and through PEG Access funds obtained most of the TV equipment you see at meetings (most of which she films herself with the help of volunteers). She has been active in working with Sunderland and Deerfield and recently helped hire a part-time director for the two channels.

Nat also worked for full-day kindergarten and is currently serving a second term as a member of the Whately Elementary School committee. At a meeting that took place several years ago in the elementary school, State Senator Stan Rosenberg described the complex Chapter 70 school funding formula as "rocket science that only a handful of people in the state understood". Nat took the challenge, educated himself and lobbied state lawmakers to revise the formula so as to reduce funding disparities between area towns. Nat's efforts have helped increase Whately's share by about \$35,000 annually for the last two years and will continue annually for the full five year phase in as agreed to by the legislature. Nat also developed of a GIS (global information system) state school district map showing the inequities of Chapter 70 funding in a graphic manner that helped convince legislators of the need to change the allocations; an effort for which he was awarded the Massachusetts Association of School Committees "All-State School Committee" award in 2006.

Nat is also an active member of the town energy committee, and in particular has worked to save Whately energy and money at the elementary school. Due largely to his efforts, the school has tripled its Energy Star score from 17 to 50, and reduced energy costs by 20%.

Nat managed to generate for Whately another significant amount of money by pushing legislators to change the language in the state pothole funding law (a measure that helps towns cope with unexpected, emergency expenditures due, in this case, to losses incurred by the serious flooding several years ago and the loss of Oxford Pickle). The original wording applied funds only to lobstering and fishing losses. Nat's effort recognized the financial impact these losses had on the town and secured \$45,000 in additional state aid.

Nat and Joyce "walk the walk" and help the rest of us, as town residents, enjoy a quality of life that comes from the work of civic-minded people like themselves.

In thanks and recognition, this year's Town Report is dedicated to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Newlin, Chair
Board of Selectmen

Board or Committee:

Agricultural Commission
Assessors
Board of Health
Cable TV Advisory Committee
Capital Planning Committee
Cemetery Commissioners
Conservation Commission
Council on Aging
Cultural Council
Energy Committee
FCAT
Finance Committee
Franklin County Coop. Inspection Prog.
Franklin County Technical School Comm.
Friends of the Library
Frontier Regional School Committee
Historical Commission
Historical Society
Implementation Committee
Library Trustees
Personnel Committee
Planning Board
Recreation Commission
Selectmen
Town Clerk

Town Collector
Treasurer
Tri-Town Beach Committee
Waste Management Committee
Water Commissioners
Whately Grange
Whately School Committee
Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Date:

No set meeting date
Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 P.M., Town Hall
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Center School
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
3rd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
2nd Tuesday, 12:30 P.M., Senior Center
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
2nd Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Tech School
1st Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Library
2nd Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Frontier
3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
1st Thursday, 7:30 P.M., Center School
3rd Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
2nd Thursday, 7:00 P.M., Library
No set meeting date
Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Town Hall
2nd Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES or Herlihy Park
2nd & Last Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
M, W, Th, & Friday 9 – 4 P.M., Center School
Tuesdays Noon – 7:00 P.M.
Mondays, 3-7 P.M., Town Hall
Tues. and Thurs., 8:45-2:45 P.M., Town Hall
No set meeting date
No set meeting date
1st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M., Center School
See Annual Program Schedule
1st Monday, 7:00 P.M., WES
1st Thursday, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Note: This schedule is provided for informational purposes only. Please check the Town Clerk's Board at the Center School Offices for official notification of meetings and hearings. Meetings are also posted on the Whately Website, www.whately.org and the Whately Bulletin Board broadcast on Channel 15 for cable viewers in town.

WHATELY TOWN OFFICIALS

Elected Officials

Board of Selectmen

Jonathan S. Edwards	2010
Paul Newlin	2008
Alan E. Sanderson, Jr., Chair	2009

Town Clerk

Lynn M. Sibley	2008
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Assessors

Christine Langford	2009
Katherine Fleuriel	2010
Robert Bourke, Chair.	2008

Board of Health

Gary Lawrence, Chair	2008
Francis Fortino	2009
Michael Archbald	2010

School Committee

Robert Halla	2007
Clarissa Coffin	2008
Nathanael Fortune	2009

Frontier Regional School Committee

William J. Smith	2009
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Library Trustees

Sandra V. Saunders, Chair	2009
Shelley Futter	2009
Kathleen Smith	2008
Joyce Tutun	2010
Catherine Ohara	2008
vacancy	

Cemetery Commissioners

Adelia A Bardwell	2008
Fred W. Bardwell	2010
Peter D. Hannum	2009

Moderator

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2008
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Constables

Edwin Zaniewski	2010
Thomas Mahar	2010

Elector to the Will of Oliver Smith

James H. LaSalle, Jr.	2008
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Water Commissioners

Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr.	2009
George Bucala, Jr. Chair	2010
Georgeann Dufault	2008

Selectmen's Appointments

Administrative:

Town Administrator

Lynn Sibley	2008
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Municipal Secretary

Barbara Hancock	2008
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Town Accountant

FrCOG – Joyce Muka	2008
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Treasurer/Collector

Susan Warriner	2008
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Town Counsel

Kopelman & Paige	2008
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Public Services

Superintendent of Streets

Keith Bardwell	2008
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Keeper of the Pound

Daniel G. Denehy	2008
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Tree Warden

Keith E. Bardwell	2008
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Public Safety

Chief of Police

James Sevigne, Jr. 2009

Full-time Officers

Donald Bates 2010

Special Police Officers

2008

Robert Warger
Edwin Zaniewski
Randall Williams
Heath Cummings
James Bernier

Reserve/Intermittent Officers

2008

Jeffrey Baker
Scott Hutkoski
James Purcell
Marc Bryden

Fire Chief and Forest Warden

John S. Hannum 2008

Emergency Management Director

Lynn M. Sibley 2008

Assistant Emergency Management Director

Alan E. Sanderson, Jr. 2008

Animal Control Officer

Richard Adamcek 2008

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

William Obear 2008

Municipal Right to Know Coordinator

John S. Hannum 2008

Inspectors and Inspection Services

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program Representative

James Ross 2008

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program

2008

Building Inspectors

James D. Hawkins
James A. Cerone

Wiring Inspector

James Slowinski

Plumbing Inspector

Andy French

Inspector of Animals and Barns

Richard Adamcek 2008

Weights and Measurers

2008

Lyndon L. Scott
Alan Sanderson, Sr.
Joseph Rup
Northampton Coop Auction
Robert Warner
Janet Land
Kim Reardon
John Payn

Fence Viewers and Field Drivers

2008

Ai S. Annis, Jr.
David Chamutka
Jonathan Edwards
vacancy

Veterans Services

Veteran's Agent

Leo Parent 2008
Central Franklin County Vet. District

Town Representative to Franklin County Veterans District

Donald Sluter 2008

Veterans Graves Officer

Raymond Billiel 2008

General Government

Registrars of Voters

Neal B. Sanderson	2010
Nicole Ciesluk	2009
Theresa Billiel	2008
Lynn Sibley, Clerk	2010

Zoning Board of Appeals

Debra Carney, Vice-Chair	2008
Roger P. Lipton, Chair	2009
Robert Smith	2010

Alternates

Don Sluter	2008
Gary Grybko	2008

Secretary

Diane Westman	
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Conservation Commission

Scott Jackson, Chair	2010
Terrence Reynolds	2008
Patricia Devine	2009
George Owens	2010
Andrew Ostrowski	2008

Tri-Town Beach Committee

William Skroski, Jr. Chair	2010
Elizabeth Orloski-Perfido	2008
Suzanne Cycz	2009

Recreation Commission

Christopher Kellogg, Chair	2008
James Sevigne, Jr.	2008
Charles DeForest	2008
Nicole Ciesluk	2008
Robert Englehardt	2008
Roland Kinsman	2008
Carrie Fydenkevez	2008

Historical Commission

Alan McArdle, Chair	2010
Judy Markland	2008
Howard Nenner	2009
Darcy Tozier	2010

Energy Committee

Lynn DiTullio	
Jonathan Edwards	
Nathanael Fortune	
Melanie Chorak	

Cultural Council

Frances Symanski	2009
Ramsay Klaff, Chair	2009
Julie Sanderson	2009
George Colt	2008
Nathanael Fortune	2009
Katherine Ross	2010
Marianne Simon	2008
Tom Leamon	2008
Shirley Pielock	2009

Council on Aging

Frances Symanski, Chair	2010
J. Charles Zaskey	2008
Josephine Wasielewski	2008
Elizabeth Orloski	2010
Bernard Mizula	2009
Virginia C. Allis	2008
Vacancy	

Agricultural Committee

Timothy Nourse-Chair	2008
William Obear-Secretary	2010
David Chamutka	2008
John Devine	2010
David Jackson	2009
Cris Coffin-Consultant	

Implementation Committee

Robert Bourke	
Kay Klippel	
Rebecca Jones	
Paul Newlin	

Open Space Committee

Cris Coffin	
Mary Shanley-Koeber	
Terrence Renolds	
Jonathan Edwards	
Tom Litwin	

Building Code Board of Appeals

Ralph Farrick	2008
Joseph Rup	2009
Randy Sibley	2010
Ewan Mikolajczuk	2011
Vacancy	

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Gregory Gagnon, Chair
 John K. Talmage
 Gary Lawrence
 Randy K. Sibley
 Joyce Palmer-Fortune

Western Valley Water Protection Committee

Vacant

Franklin County Overall Economic Development Plan Committee Representative

Harold R. Swift, Jr.

Franklin County Economic Target Area Representative

Harold R. Swift, Jr.

Franklin Regional Council of Governments Representative

Lynn Sibley 2008

Committee on Disabilities

Donald Sluter, Chair
 Ralph Farrick
 Sandra Saunders
 Lynn M. Sibley

Frontier Regional School Building Committee

Robert Smith
 William Obear

Franklin County Solid Waste District

William Obear
 Fran Fortino, alternate

Franklin County Transit Authority

Fred Bardwell

Whately Waste Management Committee

William Obear
 Fran Fortino
 Gary Lawrence

Municipal Building Committee

Gary Grybko, Chair
 Adelia Bardwell
 Ralph Farrick
 Lynn Ditullio
 Virginia Allis
 Alan Sanderson, Jr.
 Lynn Sibley – Town Administrator

Moderator's Appointments**Finance Committee:**

Paul Antaya, Chair	2008
Gregory Gagnon	2010
Jane Grybko	2010
Robert Fydenkevez	2009
Roger Kennedy	2010
Thomas Mahar	2009
Maryann Sadoski	2008

Planning Board:

Fred Bardwell	2010
Peter DeGregorio, Co-Chair (resigned)	
Judy Markland	2009
John Torchia	2009
Anita Husted, Co-Chair	2009
Nicholas Jones	2008

Franklin County Technical School Committee:

Donald Sluter	2008
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Other Officials**Personnel Committee:**

Jonathan Edwards
 Appt. by Selectmen
 Keith Bardwell
 Elected by Employees
 Jane Grybko
 Appt. by Finance Comm.
 Patricia Barschenski, Chair
 Appt. by Moderator
 Janet Korytoski
 Appt. by Moderator

**Capital Improvement Planning
Committee:**

Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator
Jonathan Edwards, Selectmen
Cris Coffin, Superintendent Rep.
Sandra Saunders, at-large
Bruce Tutun, at-large
Roger Kennedy, Finance Committee
Bruce Cleare, Planning Board Rep.

Anyone wishing consideration for an
appointment to any committee may
contact the Board of Selectmen.

**Health Agent – Appt. by Board of
Health**

Jackie Duda

**Water Superintendent – Appt. by
Water Commissioners:**

William Smith

**Librarian – Appt. by Library
Trustees:**

Christine Moulton

**Emergency Medical Technician
Coordinator – Appt. by Fire Chief**

Robert Englehardt

**Frontier Regional School Committee
– Appt. by Whately School
Committee:**

Robert Halla

**Superintendent of Schools – Appt. by
All School Committees**

Regina Nash

**Principal of Whately Schools – Appt.
by Superintendent of Schools**

Donna Zaeske

Transfer Station Attendants:

Alan Thackeray
Roland Kinsman, alternate
Douglas Scoville, alternate
James Rewa, alternate

Report of the Board of Selectmen 2007

Last year's report of the Board of Selectmen identified a number of goals that the Selectmen would be working on in 2007. One of those goals was the continued fight for additional state aid through the Chapter 70 formula. In 2007 the legislature kept its promise and voted to fund Chapter 70 for FY08 according to its five year plan. The predictions for the state budget in FY 2009 are looking grim so the Selectmen will keep a close watch on the Chapter 70 recommendations as well as state aid in general.

Another goal of the Selectmen for 2007 was to move the police station out of the Center School Offices and into a renovated Youth Center building. Two articles were presented to the voters at annual town meeting. One was \$186,077 to renovate the youth center into a police station and the other was \$75,525 for solar panels for the same building. The town would have been reimbursed \$40,000 for the solar panels from the Mass. Technological Collaborative. Both of these questions passed overwhelmingly at town meeting but the debt exclusion questions failed to garner enough votes at the May election. However, shortly after the election, a grant through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security became available and the town was awarded \$59,987 through this grant. We re-evaluated the project and brought the price down to \$120,000 with no borrowing. In December, Town Meeting voted the match necessary to supplement this grant. Construction bids will be received in February with completion of the project by June 30, 2008. For more details on this process, see the Municipal Building Committee report.

Another goal of the Selectmen was to bring the Community Preservation Act before the voters. During 2007 it was elected to hold off on presenting CPA until 2008 as the November election should prove to have high voter turnout giving a true representation of the voters feelings on this issue. The Implementation Committee is working on public education programs to be presented to the voters before town meeting and the November election.

Energy conservation has continued to be a critical concern for the Selectmen. Our inexpensive cost saving measures of weather stripping, window plastic and door sweeps proved to help our overall heating bills in the town hall and center school office building. Although oil prices continued to rise our oil bill for 2007 was less than 2006 so these measures certainly were helpful.

In May, the Selectmen entered into a contract with Hampshire Power as our supplier of electricity. WMECO still delivers our service but Hampshire Power is our supplier. Through this program our water and fire departments buy their electricity off the market. Cost savings for the water department have averaged about \$100 per month. The water department benefits the most from this program because they can arrange to pump water during late night hours when electricity rates are the cheapest. The rest of the town departments are on a profit sharing plan. The financial benefits of the profit sharing plan will not be known until August but we are guaranteed that we will pay no more than what we have paid with WMECO.

Selectmen also entered into a new arrangement for our phone service. Chambers Advisory Group recommended a number of cost saving measures for our phone service. These measures have resulted in approximately \$200 savings per month. For the first 12 months of the contract, half of this savings is paid as a fee to Chambers Advisory Group.

Whately has also joined with other towns and school districts to enter into energy performance contracting. The Franklin Regional Council of Governments submitted an Request for Qualifications from Energy Service Companies (ESCO's). In simplistic terms, ESCO's analyze

a town's energy needs through an audit procedure. They then make recommendations to improve the energy use of town facilities. The ESCO then provides the funding to make the necessary upgrades and the town pays back the ESCO through the savings it reaps. It is a great way for the town to upgrade buildings without putting out a huge amount of money upfront.

The Selectmen would like to recognize Liz Dwight who chose not to run for re-election as a Library Trustees in 2007. Liz, who was a trustee for ten years, will be greatly missed for her financial expertise. William Saunders was appointed in January 2008 to fill the vacancy until the next town election. The town has also lost a long time member of its Finance Committee. Paul Antaya elected to leave the position due to job commitments. Paul will be missed for his leadership as chair of the Finance Committee and his knowledge, understanding and fairness during difficult financial decisions. His detailed power point presentations at town meeting will also be missed. Joseph Zewinski was appointed by the Moderator to fill the vacancy. The Historical Commission has been in flux for a number of years. Rebecca Jones and Monique Gagnon chose to leave the Commission this year. Both were instrumental in gaining Historical District status for the center of town, and a portion of West Whately. The Historical Commission under the chairmanship of Alan McArdle and newly appointed members Howard Nenner, Judy Markland and Darcy Tozier is regrouping and working towards a new survey of properties for the town. Peter DeGregorio also left the Planning Board after 16 years. Peter served as Co-Chair and during his tenure the Industrial Park was developed, Zoning Bylaws and Subdivision bylaws were revised and the Aquifer Protection District was created. Judy Markland was appointed by the Moderator to fill his position on the board. The Selectmen would like to thank all of these volunteers for their many years of service as well as all of our active volunteers who commit time and energy to their various boards and committees.

The Selectmen's goals for 2008:

- Continue the watch over the legislature for increased Chapter 70 funds.
- Continue to look for energy cost savings
- Support the Police Department's move into the Youth Center building
- Continue to seek grants that may help with the numerous projects and expenses sitting on the back burner awaiting funding.

In closing, the Selectmen would like to thank all the devoted employees who have committed themselves to the town of Whately. We would also like to thank the voters, residents and taxpayers for their support. As always, we welcome visitors and comments at our Selectmen's meetings on the 2nd and last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Please call 665-4400 to be put on our agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul K. Newlin, Chair
Alan E. Sanderson, Jr.
Jonathan S. Edwards

2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

The Implementation Committee was appointed by the Selectmen in 2005 to work towards implementing many of the recommendations in the Community Development and Master Plans for the town. The Committee has been concentrating this year on the Community Preservation Act (CPA). CPA allows towns to place a small surcharge on property to acquire and protect open space, preserve historic buildings and landscapes, and create and maintain affordable housing. Presently those towns that have passed the CPA are receiving a 100% match from the state. State match funds come from registry of deed fees. Presently, the registry fees paid in Whately go towards all the other towns that have passed CPA. We need to bring that money to Whately.

Whately has many projects which already appear on our capital plan which may be at least partially addressed through CPA. Handicapped accessibility at the Town Hall and Library (both historic buildings) may be able to be accomplished through CPA as well as some historic renovations of the town hall. The Town Clerk's records could be preserved through this program as well.

In December 2007 the Implementation Committee set up a schedule of informational meetings for 2008 on the issue of CPA. In February we will be meeting with boards and committees in town to educate them about CPA as well as getting them to think about ways that their departments may benefit from CPA. In March it is the intent of the committee to meet with the Historical Society. Tentatively scheduled for April 3, 2008 is a public forum which will be open to all residents.

CPA is generally approved through a two step process: first by the legislative body (town meeting) and then on a ballot at the next scheduled state or municipal election. The Selectmen will be placing an article on the town meeting warrant for April 29th. Also, included in the warrant will be an article to appoint a Community Preservation Committee. A question on CPA will then be placed on the November presidential election ballot. We felt that the November election will bring a large turnout which will give us a true indication of the feelings of the voters.

Once enacted, the Community Preservation Committee will annually ask for ideas of projects to be funded. The CPC will then bring their recommendations to the Selectmen for inclusion on the April town meeting warrant. Town meeting will need to vote on appropriating CPA funds to each project.

Enacting CPA was a recommended goal in the Community Development Plan as well as the Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Implementation Committee looks at CPA as an opportunity to fund projects at a discounted rate that would either be funded at full price or be put on hold.

We hope that residents will agree with this important initiative for the Town of Whately and come to vote at the April town meeting and November election.

Respectfully submitted,

Implementation Committee

Paul Newlin, Rebecca Jones, Kay Klippel, Robert Bourke, Judy Markland and Lynn Sibley

WHATELY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Whately Agricultural Commission met seven times in 2007 to review and discuss issues of immediate concern as well as research information required for the establishment of an Agricultural Overlay District.

The issue of farmland protection is an ongoing concern of Agricultural Commission members. Agriculture is very important to Whately since it employs a number of town residents, maintains hundreds of acres of open space, has minimal needs for town services and is a focal point of Whately's rural heritage. The Agricultural Commission assisted Whately Land Preservation by writing the selectmen and urging them to offer some financial support for the Maple Hill Farm preservation project. The Agricultural Commission has also been supportive of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) that will be voted on at the 2008 annual town meeting.

Most of the activities of the Agricultural Commission focused on working out the details of establishing Agricultural Overlay Districts that will help conserve prime farmland throughout the town. Discussions of soils, development pressures, digitized mapping, and overlay districts in other local towns were the primary topics of our meetings. Scott Jackson of the Whately Conservation Commission, Cris Coffin of American Farmland Trust, Clem Clay of the Trust For Public Lands and Bob Wagner from the town of Hatfield all provided important information and services for the Agricultural Commission to use in its efforts. It is intended that after public comments, review by town boards, and further refinement; the proposed Agricultural Overlay Districts will be presented for adoption at the 2009 annual town meeting.

The following Disclosure Notification (Section 4 of the Whately Right To Farm By-Law) is required to be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report

DISCLOSURE NOTIFICATION

“ It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances.”

Members of the Commission:

David Chamutka
John Devine
David Jackson
Timothy Nourse
William Obear

Whately Energy Committee Report for 2007



As everyone knows, this has been a volatile year for energy, with heating oil prices jumping from roughly \$2.20/gallon in January of 2007 to close to \$3/gal a year later. Below is a bit of background.

The Energy Committee has worked to inform residents about energy saving programs via the Scoop and town website. We worked with the Town Building Committee to ensure that the proposed Police Station renovation included worthwhile energy conservation measures. We evaluated the proposed investment in Solar Electricity for the roof and made a presentation at Town Meeting. When the Youth Center renovation didn't muster enough support to pass the debt exclusion ballot last summer, we worked with others to sharply reduce the construction cost while keeping as many energy conserving features as possible. With the help of a state grant and lots of volunteer labor, this effort to preserve a town building is moving forward.

The Whately Energy Committee also participated with other Franklin County towns and with the Franklin County Council of Governments to go out to bid as a group for energy conservation measures and equipment to Energy Services Companies ("ESCO's). ESCO's make money by investing in energy saving measures for their clients, and paying for these measure over time with the savings in utility bills. ESCOs have been around

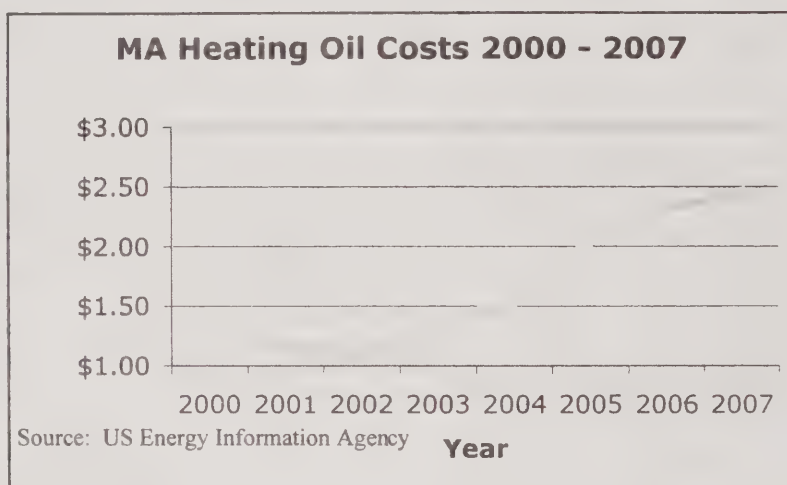
for years and provide a valuable service to industries, institutions, and governments who have a hard time coming up with the up-front capital needed to save money over the long run.

As you know, like Whately many Western MA towns have older buildings with tired heating systems, leaky windows, and minimal insulation. Even our relatively new elementary school had a pretty poor energy rating* initially. Though our utility bills are high to us, our towns have not been large enough "projects" to interest most ESCO companies. The FRCOG aggregation project promises to remedy that and give us an opportunity we've never had before. We'll keep you informed as the process proceeds (bids are due Feb. 8, 2008).

In 2008 we will be working with neighboring town energy committees on more public education and outreach, and on evaluating the best way to bring renewable energy to Whately. Also, the state is working on an Energy bill that has some very exciting provisions for towns and schools.

Finally, the Energy Committee needs more Energy – Join us! Call Lynn Sibley to sign up. Thanks!

Melanie Chorak, Lynn DiTullio, Jonathan Edwards, Nat Fortune, and Lynn Sibley



*The elementary school's Energy Star Benchmark rating has been significantly improved over the past three years from 17 to 50 (on a scale of 0 to 100), thanks to the efforts of the school committee, staff, and administration. We hope to eventually get all town buildings to a score of 75 or better (which would qualify the buildings for an Energy Star performance award). ESCO programs may offer us a way to get there.

Whately Historical Commission Annual Report

In the last few years, the membership of the Historical Commission has turned over completely. Last year, Becky Jones and Monique Gagnon left the commission. We thank them for the time and effort they have put into the commission's work over the years. Three new people have joined the commission (Judy Markland, Howard Nenner and Darcy Tozier) and their willingness to serve is appreciated. The commission can have as many as 5 members so another volunteer would be welcomed.

With the new membership, we are taking a fresh look at what we do to become a more effective town board. One goal is to establish better communication with other town organizations. We will work more closely with other town boards like the Planning Commission and the Conservation Commission. We also plan to help build support for the proposed Community Preservation Act. We expect to investigate the desirability of a Scenic Roads Bylaw and Demolition Delay Bylaw as well. Finally, we are seeking nominations for the Historic Preservation Awards. No awards have been made in the last two years and we would like to reinvigorate this exercise in building awareness of our community history.

The Historical Commission maintains a "cultural resource" inventory of historic structures and neighborhoods which is also on file with the state historical commission. The inventory describes the history and architectural significance of each of the structures and neighborhoods and has photographic documentation as well. Whately's has not been updated since 1993. We applied for planning grant funds from the Massachusetts Historical Commission to update and expand this inventory. Our application did not succeed but we have now developed some experience in the grant writing process. We hope for more success the next time around. We will continue to update and review our inventory on our own time.

Part of the historic commissions function is to provide comments on projects that may affect the historic resources of the town including its landscape, roads and buildings. We reviewed several construction plans during the year. In this process we try to support the goals of the town's Master Plan and the Community Development Plan. Both of these aim to preserve the rural character of our town in part through historic preservation.

We are also able to assist Whately organizations outside town government. For example, we have provided some help to the Congregational Church in evaluating and finding resources for restoring their unusual carriage shed. We also gave our support to the Franklin Land Trust's efforts to raise money for the proposed conservation restriction on the Maple Hill Farm property.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McArdle, Chair
Judy Markland
Howard Nenner
Darcy Tozier

Whately Cable Committee Report

Joyce Palmer Fortune

This past year we have not met often, but we have been working actively with FCAT (Frontier Community Access TV, Whately-Deerfield-Sunderland) to do the long-term system upgrades we all need. Progress has been slow, as we had no paid workers, but our one big accomplishment was to hire Marty McGuane, former director of Greenfield Community TV, as interim director. Marty will work for FCAT, but as Whately is a member Whately cable will benefit from his experience. (Oh – and by the way, all of the money for this comes from Comcast, not from your taxes!)

Problems? Yes, we have some problems, the most serious being that we can no longer broadcasting from the Elementary School, and Comcast has been slow in responding. As always we need more volunteers to re-broadcast the meetings and presentations that have been recorded. For example, the Historical Society has recorded several oral histories given by people who have lived in Whately, yet we have not broadcast them. Why? Because we have no volunteer willing to come to the center school and broadcast it.

So here's my pitch: The equipment is not complicated and people will appreciate that you rebroadcast something they didn't get to see the first time around, and you can brag to your friends that you work at a television station! As FCAT works out the kinks in a more modern system, rebroadcasts and updating channel 15 will become easier to do. And you get to work with nice people from Deerfield & Sunderland. How about it?

PLANNING BOARD AND AQUIFER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

After much discussion, in January 2007, the Planning Board voted to approve the site plan for New England Wild Flower Society, formally known as Nasami Farm. The applicants were prepared and willing to work with the Town and neighbors. The Board welcomes them to Whately. Another site plan application was submitted in February 2007 with the Public Hearing date in March. This was for Chang Farm relating to a proposed expansion. The Board approved the site plan in May. This seemed to be the year for site plans, as Pioneer Valley Growers added an addition to their existing building, which received approval. During the summer months a site plan hearing was held for Dennis LaValley to build a new retail and office building on State Road approval granted. On Christian Lane site plan approval was given to Scott Samson for the construction of a material storage building.

Under Special Permit, Common Driveways a hearing was held for Marcia Nickerson and Joe Nickerson IV to access their lots off Westbrook Road. As this was rather complicated it took a while for the Board to make its decision. Based on the information submitted, the board agreed to approve the special permit with conditions.

The Aquifer Committee and the Planning Board brought before town meeting revisions that included:

1-Amending the Whately Zoning Map Aquifer Protection District Areas dated April 25, 2006 and identified in the Town of Whately By Laws 171-28.4.D.(1), to include the newly defined Zone 11 and expanding Zone III for the (3) bedrock wells in the Whately Water District.

2-Amending the by-laws to read as follows: 171-24G. To read: the area of each flag lot, excluding the access strip, shall be at least double the minimum lot area required in the district and in the Aquifer Protection District. The area of each flag lot, excluding the access strip shall be at least (3) acres.

3-The addition of the following sentence to be added at the end of 171-28.4.F., paragraph (1) Flag Lots in these areas, excluding the access strip, shall be at least (3) acres.

The Board recognizes that there is no definition in the zoning bylaws of what designates the end of a common driveway. Does the common driveway end at the point where it crosses on to the last lot served or at the point where the 2nd to last driveway peels off from the common driveway? In the latter instance, the owner of the last lot would need an easement from the owners from the second to last lot for the portion of their driveway that crosses the second to last lot. Upon discussion, it was agreed that the location of the second to last lot's drive is often not marked on common driveway plans, and the owner might later decide to reconfigure their driveway and access their house or barn from further up the "common" drive. This led the board to decide that the Common Driveway terminates where it crosses on to the last lot served by the Common Driveway, it was noted that this interpretation gives the town planning board control over the design and

construction of more of the driveway. The planning board will use this definition to determine the length of common driveways.

Members wish to extend sincere thanks for the many years of service that Peter DeGregorio gave to the town. He added lots of interesting comments and information, and served as Co-Chair for many years, for which I am very grateful. We all wish him health and success for the future. Judy Markland has been appointed to the Board and is a welcome addition.

The Board continues to keep in mind the character and flavor this town has to offer its citizens. Looks like 2008 will be another busy year.

Anita Husted

WHATELY CULTURAL COUNCIL 2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Whately Cultural Council met on November 19, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall. All members of the Council were present: Ramsay Klaff (Chair), Katie Ross (Co-Chair), Nat Fortune (Corresponding Secretary), George Colt (Recording Secretary), Marianne Simon (Treasurer), Tom Leamon, Shirley Pielock, Julie Sanderson, and Frances Symanski.

The Council had \$4000 in state grant money to disperse for 2008 and \$30 left over from last year, making an available total of \$4030. The Council received 25 applications requesting a total of \$10,695.

The Council voted unanimously to distribute the available funds as follows:

Arcadia Players (Concerts): \$200
CT River Watershed Project (Living Along the River Song Contest): \$250
Dickinson Memorial Library (Amazing Animals Children's Program): \$350
Frontier R.H.S (Heritage Corps Community Service Learning Project): \$450
Frontier Senior Center (Rodgers & Hammerstein Concert): \$550
Old Deerfield Children's Museum (Free Family Memberships): \$400
Watermelon Wednesdays (Community Concerts): \$400
Whately Historical Society Memorial Day Fair (Caricature Artist): \$330
Whately Historical Society Memorial Day Fair (Pianist): \$100
Whately Historical Society Harvest Fair (Dixieland Band): \$300
Whately Summer Block Party (Local Musicians): \$700

Respectfully submitted,
Ramsay L. Klaff, Chairperson

2007 Conservation Commission Annual Report

The Conservation Commission is charged with implementing the state's Wetlands Protection Act using regulations written by the MA Department of Environmental Protection.

Over the course of the past year the Commission considered and issued six Determinations of Applicability (determinations as to whether or not a wetlands permit is required), five Orders of Conditions (wetland permits), and one Emergency Certificate (authorization to act immediately to address a threat to health and safety). After a public hearing the Commission adopted rules for hiring outside consultants at the applicant's expense. The Commission took action in a variety of instances to ensure compliance with Orders of Conditions and address work being done without necessary permits. The Commission also addressed numerous questions from residents about the wetland regulations and the permitting process.

Scott Jackson, Chair
Terry Reynolds
Pat Devine
Andrew Ostrowski
George Owens

2007 Cemetery Report

2006 was a good year for sales in Cemetery Real Estate. Plots are available to Whately Residents or those with Whately connections.

The weather continued to make mowing continuous. In the past there have been years when drought caused brown cover and mowing ceased. Not the case this year! Alan Thackeray and Adelia were kept busy.

Closing the cemeteries from December to March makes it easier to deal with winter burials. We avoid unforeseen problems.

Burials: Center 2

Respectfully submitted,
Adelia A Bardwell
Fred W. Bardwell
Peter D. Hannum

2007 REPORT
Council on Aging
Frontier Senior Center Report

528 Seniors use our center.
4,253 Congregate meals served to 73 people.
8,307 Home delivered meals served to 72 people.
360 total Served thru our combined 360 Flu and 10 Pneumonia clinic
61 Volunteers help keep our center running.

General Services & Information

Our Center Director is on duty at least five hours a day. The Director's job is to maintain current programs, send weekly information the newspapers, keep supplies in stock, and handle any problems that arise promptly. The Director performs the necessary grand writing and reporting as per state and federal guidelines as well as scheduling for guest speakers, performances and clinics.

Lunch is served at noon every weekday. There are card games daily and folks enjoy bingo every Friday. Brown bag pick-up for folks that are on a very low-income is the third Wednesday of every month.

One of our services to the elderly is income tax assistance. We scheduled five dates this year and 25 people took advantage of the opportunity.

Thanks to contributions from Deerfield of \$2,500, and both Sunderland and Whately in the amount of \$1,250.00 each. We are able to keep our much-needed social worker Lauren Corbett works with many seniors to resolve their insurance questions of problems, helps folks with shopping needs and food stamps, and acts as a liaison between oil companies and senior citizens to obtain fuel assistance. She regularly visits those clients that now need nursing home care. Lauren simply enriches the lives of our guests, and we very much appreciate her efforts.

Our Tri Town Triad program has helped many seniors this year to obtain house numbers. The Annual Spaghetti Supper raises funds to provide deserving families in the area gift certificates from Big Y Supermarkets for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. We donated \$450 in 2007 thanks to the attendees of the event.

Health and Wellness

One of our most popular activities is the low-impact exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Tai Chi classes are held every Monday. On occasion, we also host various music or comedy artists at the Center to liven up the day!

Blood pressure and blood sugar clinics are held on the last Friday of the month. We also provide Cholesterol screenings several times per year. On a monthly basis, Dr. Sandberg offers a foot clinic

Travel and Entertainment

This year we took five (one-day) bus trips. Typically, we ride down to Foxwoods and then Mohegan Sun Casinos every other month, except during the coldest winter months.

December 5th we went to Bright Nights and then for supper at Collegian Court Restaurant in Chicopee.

To help with expenses, we travel with attendees of the Hatfield Senior Center. It is a nice little day-trip for folks that don't often get away from their homes.

On-going Assistance

During the holiday season the Frontier Senior Center provides assistance to deserving families in the area. This year we helped one family on Christmas.

As many of you know, we worked with Children International to aid Mary Anders, who lives in the Philippines. We've worked with this organization for many years and Mary Andres continues to thrive.

Finally, to all the people that help out at Frontier Senior Center, thank you so much. We very much appreciate the generous donation of time and assistance. It's these efforts that enhance the Senior Center's abilities to provide services to everyone.

Respectfully Submitted.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF WHATELY

During Smith Charities' fiscal year, February 1, 2007 - January 31, 2008, the following applicants from Whately were paid as beneficiaries under the Oliver Smith Will:

4 Widows received gifts totaling	\$ 1,325.00
1 Nurse received a gift of \$600 plus an additional distribution of \$700 totaling	\$1,300.00

James H. LaSalle, Jr., Elector
Under the Oliver Smith Will

During the past year sixteen tradespersons were enrolled. Loans of \$600 each were made to eleven apprentices; the notes of fourteen tradespersons have been surrendered and the benefit of \$600 granted to each. Six student nurses have enrolled under the Nurses' Program; four nurses who earned their degree have received the nurse's gift of \$600. Fourteen tradespersons and four nurses received an additional distribution of \$700 each. Forty-five widows have been paid a total of \$16,617 and fourteen brides have received the marriage gift of \$100 each. The total sum disbursed as gifts to beneficiaries was \$52,045 which includes \$10,628 that was paid to the City of Northampton for the account of Smith's Agricultural School, being the net income from the permanent fund established for the school. Additionally, \$11,257 was placed in the Reserved for Beneficiaries account.

Since provision of the Will went into effect, the beneficiaries of the nine communities have been paid:

*Tradespersons	\$2,835,800
**Nurses	792,933
Widows	1,695,021
***Brides	1,490,500
Smith's Agricultural School	1,455,050
Annuities	35,374
Taxes	613,717
Total Payments	<u>\$8,918,395</u>

*Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Boys

**Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Female Children

***Originally designated in the Will as Indigent Young Women

Mortgage payments have been made promptly and outstanding loans are up to date.

Trustees
John E. Devine, Jr.
Lydia Szych
Timothy J. Strahan

Report of the Capital Improvement Planning Committee 2007

Established in 1995, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) is responsible for long range planning for capital projects ensuring adequate funding on an ongoing basis. The CIPC studies the need for proposed capital projects and improvements and makes recommendations on the priority of each proposed item. The CIPC also considers the relative impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will have on the financial position of the town.

A five year plan has been developed by the Committee and is updated each year based on changing needs of town departments. Last year the town was able to fund a number of projects using our free cash account. The following projects were funded:

- Frontier District Office renovations - \$8,892 (The town was committed to this project because the other towns funded their share of this project.)
- Fourth year of Loader Lease - \$24,000 – The town is committed to this lease.
- Control Alarms for the Water pump station - \$12,500
- Recycle Bins - \$5,160 repairs
- 1 Ton Dump Truck – \$19,261
- Garage Doors - \$5,000 (These doors were able to be funded by money remaining in winter roads due to last year's mild winter.)

FY 2009 brings new challenges to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee. Over the past three years, many projects have been pushed forward on the plan resulting in a large number of projects on this year's list. The CIPC met and prioritized a few of the projects that might be able to be handled through the FY09 budgeting season. The Committee recommended the following:

- Frontier District Office renovations - \$9,068 (The town is likely committed to this project because the other towns will fund their share of this project.)
- Fifth and final year of Loader Lease - \$24,000 – The town is committed to this lease.
- 1 Ton Dump Truck - \$26,000
- Transfer Station Upgrades – \$61,000 We hope to split this project in two parts.
- First Year of two year lease for Cruiser for Police Department - \$13,500

These suggestions will be submitted to the Finance Committee. It is still too early in the budget season to know which will be approved by the Finance Committee for funding. We are quite sure that the top three items will be funded in FY09. If there are major changes to this report we will submit a supplemental report as an insert to the town report in April.

Respectfully submitted,

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Dan Kennedy, Chair

Bruce Cleare

Jonathan Edwards

Sandra Saunders

Cris Coffin

Bruce Tutun

Report of the Municipal Building Committee

The Municipal Building Committee has been concentrating on the effort to move the Police Department to the Youth Center building for a number of years. In 2006 an article for this renovation was presented to the voters. It passed overwhelmingly at town meeting but failed to garner enough votes as a debt exclusion on the July 2006 special election ballot. This debt exclusion question was on the same ballot as a proposition 2 ½ override question which did pass. In 2007 the Municipal Building Committee re-evaluated the project and working with the Energy Committee brought an article to the Selectmen to be placed before the voters for a much more energy efficient building (\$186,077) along with an article for solar panels (\$75,525). Again these articles were voted overwhelmingly in favor by town meeting but both questions were defeated on the May 2007 ballot for debt exclusion.

At this point the Municipal Building Committee was resigned to wait until the debt for the water system and elementary school were paid off in 2009. In the meantime the legislature was releasing \$2 million dollars that had been sitting in a fund since 1994. This grant through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security was exclusively for the repair, renovation or construction of police stations. There were 97 applicants requesting over \$25 million dollars making this a very competitive grant. The cost of the Youth Center building renovations were re-evaluated and by cutting some corners and using the existing heating system the price was lowered to \$120,000 and the solar panels were eliminated. Whately requested \$62,500 for the state's share and was awarded \$59,987. This was a matching grant requiring the town to come up with an equal or greater match. The Selectmen scheduled a special town meeting for December 4th asking that the town's share of \$65,000 be appropriated from Free Cash. This vote passed with only one vote against at town meeting and did not require a ballot vote.

The Selectmen are now in the process of bidding the project and hope to award a bid at the end of February and have construction start in March. The entire project should be completed by June 2008.

We look forward to a safe and healthy environment for our citizens and our police department. Once this project is completed, the Municipal Building Committee will be looking at the town hall renovation project which was discussed about five years ago but was put on hold due to lack of funding.

Respectfully submitted,

Municipal Building Committee

Gary Grybko
Adelia Bardwell
Ralph Farrick
Lynn DiTullio

Virginia Allis
Alan Sanderson, Jr.
Lynn Sibley – Town Administrator

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee annually makes recommendations to the Selectmen and Finance Committee on the salaries and wages for all paid town positions. Salaries are reviewed each year and a survey of pay rates in similar size towns is conducted to ensure that Whately's salaries are competitive in the municipal sector.

The Personnel Committee met on February 19, 2008 to discuss the coming year's salaries. Last year minor adjustments were made in some under market salaries. This year, the Personnel Committee worked to rectify other below market positions. The positions recommended for adjustments were the Highway Superintendent – 1%, Librarian – 3%, Transfer station attendant – 5%, Firefighters and EMT's – 4%, Police Chief – 6% and the Fire Chief who is about 50% under market was raised 27% to \$6,000. The Police Chief's 6% increase had been included in contract negotiations. The Town Administrator's salary was raised mid year at contract negotiation time. A COLA increase of 2.5% was added to all positions.

At the time of this report the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee had not reviewed these recommendations. The total impact of the adjustments and COLA is \$19,373.76. The tentative recommendations for town salaries in FY09 are on the following pages.

The Personnel Committee is made up of two representatives appointed by the Moderator, and one representative from the Board of Selectmen, one from the Finance Committee and one employee elected by the employees. The Town Administrator serves as a non-voting member. The Personnel Committee feels it has balanced the needs of the employees with the financial resources of the town to make a responsible Fiscal Year 2009 salary and wage recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Barschenski, Chair, Moderator appointment
Janet Korytoski, Moderator appointment
Thomas Mahar, substitute Finance Committee representative
Jonathan Edwards, Selectmen representative
Keith Bardwell, Employee representative
Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator

Town of Whately Fiscal Year 2009 Recommended Salaries and Hourly Rates

No COLA Raise or Adjustments in FY07

Position	FY 06 rate(3% COLA)	FY08 Adjustments	FY08 rate (3% COLA)	FY09 Adjustments	FY09 rate (2.5% COLA)	hour or annual
<u>Elected Officials</u>						
Selectmen - Chair	1,525.00		1,570.75		1,610.02	annual
Members	1,400.00		1,442.00		1,478.05	annual
Assessors - Chair	1,525.00		1,570.75		1,610.02	annual
Members	1,400.00		1,442.00		1,478.05	annual
Board of Health - Chair	725.00		746.75		765.42	annual
Members	600.00		618.00		633.45	annual
School Committee - Members	300.00		309.00		316.73	annual
Water Commissioners - Members	600.00		618.00		633.45	annual
Moderator	100.00		103.00		105.58	annual
Elector Oliver Smith Will	10.00		10.00		10.00	annual
Cemetery Commissioners as Sextons	10.28		10.59		10.86	hour
Constables	11.34		11.68		11.97	hour
Opening Graves Fees	500.00		500.00		500.00	per opening

Primary Positions

Elected Officials:

Town Clerk	13,709.00		14,120.27		14,473.28	annual
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Administrative:

Town Administrator	34,000.00		35,020.00	1,050.60	36,972.37	annual
Municipal Secretary	14.71		15.15		15.53	hour
Treasurer/Collector	18.54		19.10		19.58	hour

Highway:

Superintendent	46,085.54	922.00	48,417.77	485.23	50,125.57	annual
Foreman Oper/Lab; Regular	16.52	0.50	17.53		17.98	hour
Foreman Oper/Lab; Overtime	24.78	0.74	26.28		26.94	hour
Oper/Laborer; 3yrs+; Regular	14.78	0.44	15.68		16.08	
Overtime	22.17	0.66	23.52		24.10	
Operator/Laborer; 1-3 yrs.; Regular	14.26	0.43	15.13		15.52	hour
Overtime	21.39	0.64	22.69		23.26	hour

Library:

Librarian	16,000.00		16,480.00	504.00	17,408.60	annual
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Water:

Superintendent	19,814.58		20,409.02		20,919.25	annual
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Assessors:

Assistant Assessor	15.92		16.39		16.80	hour
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Police:

Sgt. - Full-time						annual
Officer - Full-time	33,702.16	674.04	35,407.49		36,292.67	annual

Town of Whately

Fiscal Year 2009

Recommended Salaries and Hourly Rates

Secondary Positions

Appointed Employees	FY 06 rate(3% COLA)	FY08 Adjustments	FY08 rate (3% COLA)	FY09 Adjustments	FY09 rate (2.5% COLA)	hour or annual
<u>Highway:</u>						
Part-time Operator	11.97		12.33		12.64	hour
Part-time Laborer	10.47		10.78		11.06	hour
Transfer Station Attendant	11.98		12.34	0.70	13.36	hour
<u>Police:</u>						
Chief	44,341.50	2,661.00	48,412.58	2,904.75	52,600.26	annual
Part-time Officers	12.36		12.73		13.06	hour
<u>Animal Control:</u>						
Animal Control Officer	1,774.67		1,827.91		1,873.61	annual
Animal Inspector	313.90		323.31		331.40	annual
<u>Fire:</u>						
Chief	4,569.78		4,706.88	1,293.12	6,150.00	annual
Firefighter	11.42		11.77	0.48	12.56	hour
EMT Director	3,084.60		3,177.14		3,256.57	annual
EMT	11.42		11.77	0.48	12.56	hour
<u>Library:</u>						
Assistant Librarian	9.00		9.27		9.50	hour
Custodian	11.66		12.01		12.32	hour
<u>Registrars:</u>						
Members	90.95		93.68		96.02	annual
Clerk	125.34		129.10		132.32	annual
<u>Election Workers:</u>						
	7.71		7.94		8.14	hour
<u>Office Staff:</u>						
Planning Board Sec	11.15		11.48		11.77	hour
ZBA Sec.	11.15		11.48		11.77	hour
Clerical for Selectmen's Office	11.15		11.48		11.77	hour annual

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2007

This year's consumption was slightly higher than the previous year rising nearly 4%. The table below shows the monthly consumption figures:

January	1,489,923
February	1,418,236
March	1,710,312
April	1,911,539
May	3,146,995
June	2,820,852
July	2,746,905
August	3,400,385
September	3,428,019
October	2,315,753
November	1,780,904
December	<u>1,765,580</u>
	27,937,390

The revenue generated from water rates and fees was \$88,023.00

We continue to upgrade our system as part of a phased capital plan. The control system is currently undergoing modernization which should be completed this spring. The alarm system and Westbrook station will follow in the plan.

Meetings of the Water Commission are now on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. in the basement office of the Center School. We can be reached at 665-3080.

Respectfully submitted

George Bucala, Chairman
GeorgeAnne Dufault
Paul Fleuriel

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This year began as an unusual one in the sense that we never had any storms that required plowing until February. That enabled us to end the winter season with a surplus in the budget.

In the spring we had to deal with road flooding which caused damage to Williamsburg Rd. The state declared an emergency and we got a little over two thousand dollars for those damages. We are working with the city of Northampton and MEMA on a mitigation grant to make improvements on Williamsburg Rd. so that there are not repeated washouts every time there is a heavy rain storm. I'm hopeful that we will get that grant next year. If so the work will greatly improve environmental problems in that area.

The summer project list was updated and reviewed with the selectmen and it was decided to rebuild the section of Long Plain Rd. from Straits Rd. to the area of the old dump. Survey work began and the project has been delayed due to wetland issues that are requiring a Notice of Intent to be filled with the Conservation Commission. The drainage however did begin near Straits Rd. and the water problems at that intersection have been alleviated. The project will continue next year until it is completed.

The work to repair damage done during the five inch rain storm on July 18, 2005 was completed. The state reimbursed the town \$70,000 for the work done. Strippe Rd., Laurel Mt. Rd., Poplar Hill Rd., and Haydenville Rd from Webber Rd. to the town line were chip sealed.

The garage doors on the west side were replaced. The doors on that side were original and were about 40 yrs old.

The 1997 Dump truck was sand blasted. Ted Cycz volunteered his services to sand blast the truck. We are fortunate to have him living in Whately and willing to help the town out. The truck was then painted at Skroski Auto body along with the 1995 Chevy pick up.

We were notified by Mass. Highway Dept. that the bridge on Haydenville Rd. over Westbrook had deteriorated to the point where we had two options, one was to close the bridge or the other was to reduce the width so that traffic could not travel over

the deteriorated section. The Selectmen and myself decided to reduce the width as closing would have a serious crippling affect on West Whately. While I realize this is a hindrance to everybody who travels the road, it is better than closing the bridge and only having access through Conway Rd. I requested WMECO to install a street light and we have put up signs to try to help traffic get through as safe as possible. The bridge is slated for replacement in 2009. When construction begins it will be done in stage construction and traffic lights will control one lane traffic.

The specifications have been prepared for the new one ton dump truck. Originally at town meeting we were going to purchase the vehicle through a 2 year municipal lease. That option would have cost us around \$2,000. The decision now is to hold off until the second half of the money gets appropriated in 2008 and then purchase the vehicle outright therefore saving \$2,000 in interest.

We continue to offer wood chips delivered free to residents and also take Christmas trees after Christmas. If you ever have any questions or comments I can be reached at 665-2983.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Bardwell
Highway Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREE DEPARTMENT

This year the budget for the Tree Department will allow for the planting of new trees. In the previous years the entire budget has gone towards the removal of dead or diseased trees. So in the spring of 2008 we will be planting trees along the roadways where some of the trees that have been cut down recently. The species will be trees that are more resistant to sodium and chlorides. We will continue to offer 2 days in the spring for residents to bring brush to the Highway Dept. and have it chipped. We also will take Christmas trees to be chipped. The brush and trees must be free of dirt and metal. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact me at 665-2891.

Respectfully Submitted,
Keith Bardwell
Tree Warden



2007 AMBULANCE REPORT

On behalf of the men and women of the Whately Ambulance, I hereby submit the 2007 report. This past year has seen a slight decrease in the number of calls of EMS. Total number of calls for 2007 was 131, which is down by four calls from 2006. The Whately Ambulance operates at the Intermediate Level and has on its staff three paramedic level and three intermediate level EMTs.

The members of the Whately Ambulance service deserve a great deal of thanks for the service they provide for the members of our town and also visitors to the town. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Gary Stone, John Hannum and Georgeann Dufault who are in the town most of the day and respond to most of the calls during the work day hours.

The type of calls responded to varied from lift assists to MVA's. During many of the calls we were fortunate to have the aid of our local Police and Fire Department personnel

Please do not hesitate to make the call to 911 at the first sign of distress. Minutes may be the difference between life and death or a short stay verse a long and drawn out stay in the hospital.

The following is a list of Whately EMTs who responded to at least one Medical Emergency during 2007.

Robert Englehardt
Gary Stone
John Hannum
Jayson Clemons
Jason Dorval
Ken Handfield
James Bernier
Greg Gagnon

J.P. Kennedy
Wendy Bardwell
Brenda Clemons
Randy Williams
Matt Marchand
John Dubois
Georgeann Dufault
John Talmage

The Whately Ambulance is actively recruiting any persons 18 years or older, interested in becoming an EMT. We are particularly interested in individuals who are or can be available during the day as most of our staff work out of town. If this is something that may interest you please contact Robert Englehardt at Bullets3@comcast.net for more information.

Any billing questions should be directed to Lynn Sibley at the town offices, 665-0054 during normal business hours. All other questions can be forwarded to the ambulance director at 665-2230.

In case of an emergency, CALL 911 and clearly state the nature of your call as well as your address. Once again, we cannot stress it enough that your house number be displayed and visible from the street. In an emergency seconds lost trying to find a house could mean the difference between life and death.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Englehardt, Ambulance Director

WHATELY FIRE DEPARTMENT

63 Christian Lane

P.O. Box 516

Whately, MA 01093

John S. Hannum, Chief

413-665-2230



FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2007

Again I am pleased to report the activities of the Fire Department to the citizens of Whately. It is always a pleasure and a great opportunity to serve this community. The Department continues to respond to any type of emergency on a first responder basis. I would like to first thank the officers and members of the Department for their continued dedication, support and expertise while operating and representing the Whately Fire Dept. Many of the following personnel are also trained as Emergency Medical Technicians at some level which deserve special thanks for their exemplary devotion to the Town of Whately Ambulance.

DC Keith Bardwell

*Jason Clemons

*Jason Dorval

Randy Sibley

*James Bernier

*Greg Gagnon

John LaSalle

*John Talmage

*Brenda Clemons

*Ken Handfield

Alex Ross

*DC Gary Stone

William Gagnon

Jeffrey LaValley

Peter Hannum

John Hannum III

Scott Hutkoski

Brad Sanderson

Charlie Tenanas

Debra Hannum

*Georgeann Dufault

Chris Sullivan

Capt. Wayne Hutkoski

Joshua Clemons

Christopher Sibley

*Matt Marchand

Donald Dufault

*John P. Kennedy

William Smith

*Mary Baronas

*John DuBois

Brandon Stacy

- *Indicates Emergency Medical Technician

In 2007 the Fire Dept responded to numerous types of emergencies for assistance. The greatest numbers of responses were for motor vehicle accidents. The residents of the Town of Whately should be proud of the men and women who dedicate their time, energy and resources to better the

services of Whately Fire Dept. It is interesting to note that about half of those calls were to the Interstate 91 for motor vehicle accidents, plus half of the remainder was Rt. 5.

The Whately Fire Dept along with Tri State Fire Mutual Aid is still in the process of upgrading our communications system from a low band to a high band radio frequency. This new system has numerous capabilities and should improve communications among firefighters and the dispatchers to create a safer working environment. This system was financed for the most part by state grants. The newest and next step is to upgrade the paging system to the high band frequency which will have better coverage across the town and region. The new paging system will improve notification and responses to all emergencies.

The Whately Firefighters Association continues to support the officers and members of the Department in numerous ways for which they deserve special thanks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone who has helped the Fire Dept or its members in any way. The Whately Fire Dept is always looking for interested citizens that would like to become involved with any aspect of the department. Emergency Medical Technicians and Firefighters alike should contact me or any department officer for assistance and direction.

I would like to remind everyone to report a fire or emergency to dial 911, please be clear and concise with your message, and answer the questions the dispatcher asks. For any other Fire Dept related calls the Dispatch Center business number is 625-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief John S. Hannum
Whately Fire Dept

Police Department Report

I would like to start off by thanking all of the officers on the department for all of their hard work and commitment to the residents of Whately. As always, officers have shown a proactive approach to policing. This has resulted in the prevention of serious crimes. This form of policing is what will help us continue to reduce crime and make our roads safer to travel on.

Throughout the year officers have attended regular training sessions in the area of incident command, CPR and First Responder, patrol in-service, and firearms training. In 2007 we were able to send officers to Emergency Vehicle Operations training, which allows the town a deduction on its insurance. We have also focused on specialized training in the area of Crime Scene Investigation. Officers have received certification in Crime Scene Photography and Fingerprint Identification and Classification as part of a series of training programs designed to certify officers as Crime Scene Investigators. In 2008 we will complete the training by attending Advanced Crime Scene Photography, Fingerprint recovery, and Crime Scene Investigation courses. These classes are funded using a Community Policing Grant. In addition, equipment, i.e. a digital camera, computer photo software, and crime scene field kits are also being paid for by the grant. These initiatives will allow us to provide a better service to the community.

We also have a new computer system, purchased, as part of the Franklin County Regional Counsel of Governments cross agency program, which allows us the ability to share information across a network of other agencies such as, other Franklin County Police agencies, the RMV, and soon other counties connected to the system. We now have the ability to check on any encounters of an individual, as well as vehicle information located in the databases of these other agencies. This serves a very important officer safety function. I will continue to search out opportunities available to help officers perform their duties to this community in the safest most effective way.

The town has taken the final steps in the process for the renovation of the Youth Center. A state grant has provided almost half of the money for the Police Station project. Construction should begin sometime in March 2008 and will be finished by summer.

I would like to finish this report by thanking all of the people who have supported us along the way to make this happen. It was not an easy road to travel, but I am proud that it came together for this whole community. This brings to close, years of hard work. On behalf of all of the officers in this department thank you and be safe.

Respectfully,

Chief James A. Sevigne Jr.

Whately Police Department

Activity Report 2005, 2006, 2007

	2005	2006	2007
Abduction	0	0	1
Abuse Prevention Orders	3	4	6
Accident – Motor Vehicle	59	56	65
Alcohol/Drug Violation	22	19	15
Animal Complaints	17	23	21
Arrests (Including Motor Vehicle)	60	43	35
Assault & Battery	10	17	4
Assist Ambulance	36	53	58
Assist Fire Department	32	28	29
Breaking & Entering	7	11	7
Disturbance	8	9	10
Domestic Problem	10	11	11
Harassment	7	9	7
Homicide (Motor Vehicle)	0	0	0
Indecent Exposure	0	0	0
Intrusion Alarm	58	49	72
Larceny	17	19	13
Property damage/vandalism	7	10	9
Missing Person	4	2	3
Motor Vehicle Charges	1000	934	726
Of those the following were issued			
Civil Fines Issued	635	636	481
Written Warnings Issued	365	298	245
Verbal Warnings (not documented)			
Protective Custody	1	3	2
Robbery	0	2	0
Suspicious Activity	6	4	8
Suspicious Person	7	11	6
Suspicious Vehicle	24	33	17
Trespass	8	6	5
Unattended Death	2	4	4
Unwanted Person	4	7	4

2007 Emergency Management Report

Since 9-11 emergency preparedness has been a priority of local, regional, state and federal officials. Homeland Security has created new requirements for emergency managers and all emergency responders. This additional workload is becoming quite burdensome on volunteer emergency management directors. In response to these additional requirements the town administrators from Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway and Whately met to see if we might be able to hire a staff person to help with the reports, attend meetings and do some of the day-to-day paperwork necessary to assist EMD's in meeting the mandates set forth by Homeland Security.

Funding was the biggest obstacle for this new position. The towns then decided to contact the Franklin Regional Council of Governments to see if they may have some funding available for a position of this kind. Other towns became interested in this effort and we are now in the process of working with the FRCOG to develop a region wide survey of the needs of our fellow Franklin County towns. We are hoping that a staff person or two might be able to be funded through grant money to assist Emergency Management Directors to meet their federal and state mandates. Stay tuned for future information on this project.

The Boards of Health and emergency personnel from the Frontier Regional communities held their second annual flu clinic on December 1 at Frontier. This clinic was open to all area towns and just under 400 people came through the doors. The total number of shots or mists administered were 287 adult flu, 85 child FluMist, 54 Pneumonia and 64 tetanus. (Some people received more than one type of vaccine.) This flu clinic gave us the opportunity to test our emergency dispensing plan which was created should there ever be a pandemic.

As emergency management director I have met the requirements necessary for training through Homeland Security. I have taken all levels of the incident command system required including NIMS 700, ICS 100, 200, 300, 400 and 800. All first responders will be trained to the ICS 200 level by January 2008.

The goals for Emergency Management in 2008 are:

1. Continue training for all emergency responders in Incident Command.
2. Keep our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan up to date.
3. Continue to work with the FRCOG on a position to assist Emergency Management personnel.
4. Finalize the town's Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP). This plan is designed to assist a town should staff become incapacitated or a town building become inaccessible.
5. Work with the town's emergency preparedness group to create a Whately specific emergency dispensing plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Sibley
Emergency Management Director

Franklin County Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) 2007 Report to Our Member Communities

A Franklin County LEPC was formed to enhance cooperative regional emergency planning, and address the Federal SARA Title III requirement that all communities have active Local Emergency Planning Committees, procedures to deal with hazardous materials (“haz mat”) emergencies, meet right-to-know requirements, and encourage community awareness. In 2000, under the leadership and administrative support of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG), all 26 Franklin County towns opted into this regional committee and elected an “all hazards” approach to emergency planning. This approach addresses planning for haz mat emergencies as well as other natural, technological, and man-made events that call for a similar inter-town, inter-disciplinary response.

Since that time the Committee developed a Regional Hazardous Materials Emergency Plan (HMEP) which is a planning and guidance document that provides resources and recommendations for the development of individual community response plans. In addition, it established several subcommittees (including a Planning, Industry, and Training Subcommittee), elected an Executive Committee, and began to conduct regular meetings. The Committee provided trainings and exercises to emergency responders and local community leaders throughout Franklin County to meet local and state training requirements. These efforts resulted in the Committee being recognized by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) and becoming a fully-certified Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) in 2006.

The Franklin County REPC remains the largest of 23 REPCs in the Commonwealth. During 2007, the Committee continued its mandated activities:

1. Reviewing and Updating the HMEP annually.
2. Training emergency responders.
3. Exercising response plans.
4. Creating a system to collect, store and respond to public requests.

With the assistance of FRCOG, the committee Collected and recorded Tier II Hazardous Material data updates from 57 sites in Franklin County. Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) facilities using, storing or manufacturing more than a certain amount of hazardous chemicals on-site at any time during a reporting year, are required to submit reports on their chemical inventories to state and local authorities.

The REPC conducted training surveys to determine needs. Trainers provided Hazardous Materials Awareness Training for 20 responders in Charlemont. Training was conducted to the Incident Command System IS-100 and National Incident Management System IS-700 programs during four classes for more than 40 first responders at various locations.

Additionally, the Committee developed and made available laminated Hazardous Materials Action Guides for first response vehicles. Emergency Response Planning Maps which included Tier II Hazardous Material Sites were printed and distributed for each city/town. Four quarterly committee meetings were held, and representatives participated in the Western Regional Homeland Security Council and the Franklin County Emergency Communications System Oversight Committee. The REPC also supported the development of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) programs in the county. And finally the Committee continued to work in cooperation with the FRCOG and the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD) on developing Disaster Debris Management and Animal Carcass Plans.

Your REPC membership currently¹ consists of the following individuals who represent fourteen disciplines:

Fire Service: Walter Tibbits (Franklin County Fire Chiefs)
Law Enforcement: Gary Sibia (Franklin County Police Chiefs)
Emergency Medical Services: Dave Hansen (Franklin County EMS)
Board of Health: Dave Chichester/Gina McNeeley (Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition)
Hospitals: Fred Callahan (Franklin Medical Center)
Transportation: Tina Côté (Franklin Regional Transit Authority)
Media: George Claxton (The Recorder)
Emergency Management: John Bartus (Town of Orange)
Public Works: Open
Community Groups: Dawn Josefski (Franklin County CERT Team)
Environmental: John Bourcier (MA Department of Environmental Protection)
Elected Officials: Mark Gilmore (Town of Deerfield)
Industry: Jim Field (University of Massachusetts)
Schools: Open

In addition each of the member communities has designated an Emergency Response Coordinator who is the contact between the REPC and their town:

Ashfield: Doug Field	Leyden: Gilda Galvis
Bernardston: Peter Shedd	Monroe: David Nash
Buckland: Milton Rock III	Montague: Bob Escott
Charlemont: Charles Bellows	New Salem: Thomas Reidy
Colrain: Lawrence Dumas	Northfield: Gary Sibia
Conway: Jeff McFarland	Orange: Dennis Annear
Deerfield: Mark Gilmore	Rowe: Edwin May
Erving: Mitchell LeClaire	Shelburne: Angus Dun III
Gill: Jason Edson	Shutesbury: Walter Tibbits
Greenfield: Michael Winn	Sunderland: Robert Ahearn
Hawley: Greg Cox	Warwick: Donald Matthews
Heath: Tim Lively	Wendell: Everett Ricketts
Leverett: James Field	Whately: Lynn Sibley

Thank you to all who contributed to this effort, including the support of Ben Wood, Michael Pattavina, Teri Koopman and everyone at the FRCOG.

John Taylor (Shelburne), Chair
Mark Gilmore (Deerfield), Vice Chair
Lynn Sibley (Whately), Secretary
Patricia Auchard (Greenfield), Treasurer
John Bartus (Orange), Exec Comm
Jim Field (Leverett), Exec Comm
Michael Winn (Greenfield), Exec Comm

¹ As of 12/31/07

Animal Control

The animal control officer received 92 calls for service this year. Again, most calls were for loose/stray or found/missing dogs. Please follow the state leash law which states all dogs must be under control of their owner at all times. There was also a large increase in bear problems, several causing loss of livestock. Please do not feed or entice bears to come near your home. The State Fish and Wildlife recommends taking bird feeders down April 1st and not putting them up until after December 1st to keep bears away. Bears will also go after trash and household waste in compost piles, so please be careful with the increased bear population. I do not want to respond to a human-bear conflict. The breakdown of calls received are as follows:

Stray dogs	10
Found dogs	11
Missing dogs	6
Loose dogs	6
Dogs hit by car	4
Dogs taken to shelter	4
Found home for dog	2
Dog scratch	2
Dog bite	1
Stray dog in house	1
Stray cat	3
Nuisance cat	3
Dead cat	2
Rooster crowing	6
Sick/dead bird	1
Loose goat	3
Loose sheep	2
Loose horse	3
Loose pig	5
Loose cockatiel	3
Bird in house	1
Injured owl	1
Raccoon	4
Bear	8

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Adamcek
Animal Control Officer

Animal Inspector

The animal inspector issued 5 quarantines this year, 2 for dog bites and 3 for cats with wounds of unknown origin. I also did 4 inspections of animals imported from out of state. The barn inspections were done and the results are:

Dairy cattle	139
Beef cattle	121
Oxen	10
Goats	38
Sheep	9
Swine	9
Llamas/alpacas	28
Horses/ponies	38
Chickens	440
Water fowl	5
Rabbits	10
Pea fowl	3

If I missed you with the barn inspection, please contact me at 665-8027. The state relies on this information in developing and implementing a response plan to an emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Adamcek
Animal Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FOOTHILLS HEALTH AGENT

2007 marks the third year I have been your health agent. It was a good year for town health overall. Altogether in Whately I witnessed 14 perc tests, 9 Title V inspections. I performed 5 food inspections, 2 campground and pool inspections, issued 1 well permit, 9 septic system permits, and investigated 3 complaints. No beaver removal permits were issued in 2007. A total of \$5565 was collected in fees.

In 2007 Whately, Conway, Deerfield, and Sunderland again participated in a free flu clinic at the Frontier Regional High School, which also served as a “test run” of our Emergency Dispensing Site Plan—a plan mandated by the Department of Public Health--which requires that such an operation be up and running within 24 hours of an emergency that may require medication or immunization to be dispensed to everybody in town. Each year the planners of this event—your Emergency Manager, members of the Board of Health, representatives from Conway, Deerfield and Sunderland, and our emergency planning group MAPHCO, learn valuable information about how to run clinics, which is important in planning for a flu pandemic. Altogether 287 adults and 85 children received flu immunization; 54 pneumonia and 64 tetanus shots were also given. In 2008 I hope to offer training on caring for flu patients at home to all towns, so stay tuned, especially if you are in a health related field—we may be calling you for help.

I was able to offer training on food safety for Bed & Breakfast owners in town, and I am happy to say that all Whately B & B owners attended. In 2008, I hope to extend this opportunity to church and civic groups as well. If you are interested in having a food safety seminar for your own group please call me. I would be delighted to meet you.

The Board of Health has issued a moratorium on the installation of outdoor wood burning boilers as of September 2007, and is working on local regulations for these products. Please call me if you have any questions about this.

Again in 2007, new cases of Lyme Disease in Whately were reported. This disease is tic-borne and very serious if it reaches advanced stages. Meanwhile, it can be treated with antibiotics, but in all cases, tics should be avoided. Information on Lyme Disease and other tic-borne diseases is available. Please call me.

If you need me, call me at either 665-8051 or 268-8404, where I retrieve messages remotely throughout the week. In-person help must be scheduled in advance. Written messages or mail should be directed to me at PO 447 Haydenville, MA 01039. It has been a very pleasurable year working in Whately.

Jackie Duda
Health Agent
Foothills Health District

Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO)

2007 Report to Our Member Communities

The Mohawk Area Public Health Coalition (MAPHCO) is a regional coalition that represents the Boards of Health (BOH) from the following towns: Ashfield, Buckland, Bernardston, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Goshen, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Whately, Williamsburg, and Wendell. This coalition is responsible for public health emergency planning as mandated by the State Department of Public Health, and members work collaboratively to enhance communities' collective capacity to share resources and respond to public health threats and emergencies including terrorism and outbreaks of infectious diseases. An elected Steering Committee is the governing body that guides the work of MAPHCO and the Franklin Regional Council of Governments is the Host Agency serving as the Coalition's fiscal and administrative agent.

Currently the Steering Committee is comprised of the following selected representatives:

Bernardston-Jon Pineo
Charlemont-Ruth Cannavo
Conway-Dave Chichester
Deerfield-Carolyn Ness
Greenfield—Nicole Zabko
Shutesbury-Bill Elliott (Co-Chair)
Montague – Chris Boutwell (Co-Chair)
Montague-Gina McNeely
Williamsburg-Donna Gibson

During 2007, MAPCHO continued assisting Boards of Health in planning and testing their Emergency Dispensing Sites (EDSs). An EDS is a location where mass vaccinations can be provided in the event of an outbreak or flu pandemic. MAPHCO's Emergency Dispensing Sites are located at:

- Hawlemont School-- serving Charlemont, Hawley, Heath, Monroe, Rowe
- Mohawk High School—serving Ashfield, Buckland, Colrain, Shelburne
- Pioneer High School—serving Bernardston, Leyden, Northfield, Warwick, NMH School
- Greenfield Middle School & Greenfield High School—serving Greenfield
- Montague High School—serving Erving, Gill, Montague, Wendell
- Frontier High School—serving Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately
- Leverett Elementary School—Serving Leverett, Shutesbury
- Dunphy Elementary School—Serving Williamsburg, Goshen

Eleven of the twenty- six towns served by MAPHCO conducted joint EDS Drills/free influenza mass vaccination clinics. The Frontier Region (Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately)

distributed 490 vaccine doses; Shutesbury distributed 76 vaccinations; Ashfield distributed 231 vaccinations; Sunderland vaccinated 215 residents; and the Pioneer Region (Bernardson, Leyden, NMH School, Northfield, and Warwick) used a health fair to drill their EDS plan.

In addition, 12 public health-related trainings were conducted for BOH members during the year. And in April of 2007, MAPHCO participated in the Commonwealth's first regional public health emergency communications drill. This drill involved all the Public Health Coalitions in the four counties of Western Massachusetts and tested 24/7 communication systems. Over 93 individuals from this region participated in this event.

In 2007 MAPHCO, via its Host Agency, distributed mini-grants totaling \$31,000 to towns for public health capacity building. Mini-grants totaling \$35,000 were also distributed to EDS Sites for medical and clerical supplies. The Coalition also spearheaded a Public Health Awareness and Logo campaign that was designed to increase the visibility of Public Health in towns and throughout the region. And MAPHCO continued to be represented on several statewide committees, including the Strategic National Stockpile/Emergency Dispensing Site Statewide Task Force, through the Coalition's Public Health Emergency Planning staff.

Under funding provided by the National Association of City and County health Officials (NACCHO) and the Western Massachusetts Homeland Security Advisory Council, the Coalition continued its Vulnerable Populations Emergency Preparedness Project. This project includes the development of a database of service agencies with can assist individuals requiring special assistance during times of emergencies, and develops/conducts personal preparedness trainings for service agency staff and consumers, as well as developing a training curriculum to educate emergency responders on the specific needs of differing populations.

REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

The annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Day, coordinated by the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD), was held on Saturday September 8, 2007 from 9 AM to noon at the Montague DPW, the Route 2 Park and Ride in Charlemont and the Town of Orange transfer station. 344 households representing 20 of the 21 District towns participated in the collection. In addition, nine "very small quantity generators" (businesses, churches, hospitals and schools) participated in the collection. Ten farms also participated to dispose of various pesticides. Nine Whately households were among the participants. Whately's cost for HHW disposal services was \$620.00.

The next HHW Collection Day will be held September 13, 2008. Contact the FCSWMD for pre-registration details beginning in August - by phone 772-2438 or email info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.

All residents are encouraged to utilize year-round the Hazardous Waste facilities established by the FCSWMD at the transfer stations of Bernardston, Colrain, Conway and Orange. Whately residents will most likely use the Conway site located off Old Cricket Hill Rd. The wastes accepted at these facilities include mercury thermometers, waste oil products such as used motor oil, hydraulic oil, gear oil etc., oil based paints, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights and ballasts, rechargeable (NiCad) batteries, lithium batteries and button batteries (found in cameras, watches etc.). Additional information about these disposal sites (dates and hours of operation etc.) is posted on the bulletin board at the transfer station.

Rechargeable batteries, button batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs can also be recycled at the Whately transfer station.

Questions concerning the proper disposal of and alternatives to hazardous materials can be directed to either your Hazardous Waste Coordinator (665-2894) or the FCSWMD (772-2438).

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Obear
Hazardous Waste Coordinator

REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

In calendar year 2007, 128.24 tons of paper, glass, cans, and plastic containers were collected at the Whately Transfer Station and sent to the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility (MRF). 152.07 tons of residual waste was disposed of at the Springfield incinerator.

Two Clean Sweep or Bulky Waste days were held at the transfer station this year. The first on May 19, 2007 was town sponsored while the second on October 13, 2007 was coordinated with the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District (FCSWMD). These collections provided for the recycling and disposal of a number of hard to manage wastes. These wastes include tires, scrap metal, appliances, TV's, computers and other electronics, construction and demolition materials (C&D) as well as bulky household items such as broken furniture, old carpets and mattresses. Modest fees were charged for most items to cover recycling and disposal costs. In addition to Whately residents, people from other FCSWMD communities participated in the October 13th collection. For both collections Whately residents recycled 4 tons of appliances and scrap metal, 4 tons of TV's and electronics, and 2 tons of tires. In addition, 8 tons of C&D and bulky items were disposed of at a Connecticut recycling facility.

Approximately 12 tons of compostable organics (food waste) were collected at both the transfer station and the elementary school. Participating households deposited their kitchen organic wastes at the transfer station in wheeled carts. Another wheeled cart was used to collect the kitchen and plate waste at the elementary school. The carts were transported to Bear Path Farm in West Whately where the food waste was composted with other materials. The Solid Waste Committee encourages all Whately residents to take advantage of this service.

A total of 157.37 tons of waste materials were recycled by Whately residents in calendar year 2007 which includes the bulky items recycled as well as approximately 1 ton of clothing collected and recycled by Salvation Army. A total of 160.07 tons of residual and bulky wastes were disposed of the Springfield incinerator or a bulky waste recycling facility. These numbers resulted in a calendar year 2007 recycling rate of 49.57%.

The Town's recycling program in calendar year 2007 resulted in a net savings of \$9,732. This figure includes \$4,200 in guaranteed and revenue sharing income from the Springfield MRF operator. The annual landfill / incinerator disposal cost for 2007 (including bulky wastes), but excluding trucking, was \$10,485.

In February of 2007 a new recycling service began at the town transfer station. Got Books, a business that specializes in recycling discarded books and other items has provided the town with an enclosed shipping container for residents to discard the following items: books (hardbound and paperback), videos, CD's, DVD's, sports cards, records/LP's, comic books and cell phones. These items are to be brought to the transfer station in cardboard boxes or bags and stacked neatly in the Got Books shipping container. In 2007 five tons of these materials were recycled at the Whately transfer station.

Significant improvements were made this year in the management and operation of Whately's transfer station. Both recycling containers were substantially rehabilitated by Deerfield Valley Refab. In addition our new transfer station attendant, Alan Thackeray, made a number of user friendly and cost effective improvements that have made our solid waste facility more efficient. One example is an increase of 33% per haul in the tonnage of recyclables delivered to the MRF. This resulted in a reduction of 14 MRF hauls compared to calendar year 2006, which is a savings of about \$1,800.

For current information on solid waste disposal options, we encourage you to look at the FCSWMD website, www.franklincountywastedistrict.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Fortino, Gary Lawrence, Bill Obear
Whately Solid Waste Committee

2007 REPORT OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, organics, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to the twenty-one member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses.

We are finalizing plans for a permanent collection program for unwanted medications. This program will be the first in the Commonwealth. We are also working on disaster debris planning, with a focus on managing deceased farm animals. Franklin County has a large number of farm animals and a disaster or disease-outbreak could wreak significant devastation. Our planning efforts are intended to identify a clear response system should an emergency arise.

We have worked with several schools to improve their recycling program as well as to implement a program to collect food waste for composting. The District also provides hands-on assistance to businesses and institutions that want to recycle or compost their waste.

Using a small grant from the MRF Advisory Board, we researched, designed, and uploaded a new page to our website called, “What Do I Do With...” This page lists hundreds of items that are found in household trash and identifies the options for recycling or disposing of them.

In 2007, District towns recycled approximately 2,400 tons of paper and 1,100 tons of mixed containers. By diverting a total of 3,500 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved over \$230,000 in disposal costs.

The District held its annual household hazardous waste collection in September. Almost 400 residents participated at the three regional sites. Through a state grant, we were able to collect old pesticides from ten area farms. The next household hazardous waste collection will be held on September 13, 2008. The annual “Clean Sweep” collection was held in October. There were 300 participants at three regional sites. Residents delivered close to 40 tons of appliances, scrap metal, bulky items, electronics, tires, and propane tanks!

If you have questions about District programs, call us at 772-2438; visit our website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org; or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Executive Director*
Becky Jurek, Bernardston - *Chair*

Nathaniel L'Etoile, Northfield - *Vice-Chair*
Andrea Donlon, Buckland - *Treasurer*

TRI-TOWN BEACH DISTRICT

William Skroski – chair
Elizabeth Orloski
Suzanne Cycz

The 2007 beach season was very successful. Over 300 passes were sold to residents of Whately, Deerfield, Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. The price of passes remained the same as they have been in past years, \$35.00 for residents of Whately and Deerfield, and \$50.00 for the residents of Sunderland, Conway, and Hatfield. Senior residents of all 5 towns were still \$10.00.

For yet another year the grounds of the beach were well maintained by Bill Skroski. Bill could be seen in the early morning hours mowing and opening up the beach for the day. His dedication to the general operation of the beach is unfailing. Along with the well maintained grounds, the District also had weekly water testing; this kept the beach a very safe and pleasant community resource.

As in past years, the District held its annual “Appreciation Day”. 2007’s honored person was Whately’s own Virginia Allis. Over 200 people were treated to hamburgers, hotdogs, local corn, and the big favorite every year, cakes from Elm Farm Bakery. Thirsts were quenched by beverage donations from Coca-Cola of Greenfield. This is a great event held every season, and it brings the surrounding communities together.

Tri-Town Beach District voted to allow the River Valley Day Camp use of the facilities. This partnership was very successful, and we hope to welcome the camp back in the 2008 season. The beach was also host to many birthday parties and family gatherings for pass holders. Tri-Town Beach District also hosted the Deerfield Recreation Swim Program. This program has been held at the beach for a long time, children and adults participated in the offered skill levels.

The commissioners are looking forward to the 2008 season. Please feel free to contact any of the commissioners with feedback, questions, or concerns. We strive to keep this very valuable town recreational facility enjoyable to all residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne L. Cycz, secretary Tri-Town Beach Commission

The Recreation Commission's Report

The Recreation Commission concluded another successful year for the youth of Whately. Our programs consist of basketball, baseball, softball, and soccer.

Our goal to install a new fence for our youth baseball diamond at Herlihy Field has been brought to fruition. The effort was made successful through the generosity of many local donors, including families and businesses. The athletes of Whately would like to extend an energetic "Thank you!" to everyone who made this a reality. The project would not have been possible without the strong support of our "Whately Friends". Now our young athletes can enjoy the Great American Pastime in a safe environment. Our next endeavor will be the installation of batting practice cages, which may be utilized by the youth and adult baseball programs.

Once again, the Recreation Commission and the Fire Department jointly hosted a Block Party, which included bouncy castle, slide, refreshments and much more. The result was a fun-filled afternoon for many families. We look forward to continuing this effort in the future.

Herlihy Field continues to host men's and co-ed baseball teams from May to September on the larger varsity baseball diamond. These teams provide great entertainment on a weekend afternoon or evening game. Please feel free to come on down and enjoy a game. The schedule can be acquired through the recreation commission. Whately continues to offer pickup games for adult basketball during the winter months.

We would like to thank the townspeople for supporting our programs throughout the year, including those who volunteer for coaching, officiating, field maintenance, and many other capacities. We are looking forward to your support through another successful year of youth and adult programs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Ciesluk, Bob Englehardt, Chip DeForest, Carrie Fydenkevez, Chris Kellogg, Roland Kinsman, and Jim Sevigne

**S. WHITE DICKINSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
LIBRARIAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

STATISTICS:

CIRCULATION:

ADULT AND JUVENILE BOOKS, AUDIOBOOKS, VIDEOCASSETTES,
PERIODICALS AND DVD'S: 8169

PATRONS: 884

COLLECTION: 15,987

REFERENCE QUESTIONS: Whately history and genealogy, European countries,
invertebrate animals, historical figures.

POPULAR AUTHORS: James Patterson, Jodi Piccoult, Karen Kingsbury, Khaled
Hosseini, Robert. B. Parker, Nora Roberts.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM: 2007 theme was "Catch The Beat At The
Library" created by the Western Mass. Regional Library system. They provided posters,
printouts, booklogs, and bookmarks. A music program, "Rhythms of the World"
presented by Davis Bates and Roger Tinkham, funded by the Whately Cultural
Committee, was held on June 24. Forty children and adults joined in the fun with
refreshments provided by the Friends of the Whately Library. Twelve children
completed the reading program and were awarded prizes provided by the Friends of the
Whately Library.

BOOK SALE: Sponsored by the Friends of the Whately library was held again in
conjunction with the Whately Harvest Festival in Sept. Book sale tables were set up at
the Library. Thank you to the Whately Congregational Church for the use of their tables.
The proceeds from the sale are being used for the children's room. Thank you to Jeannine
Atkins, Jeanne Kocsis, Sara Cooper and family, and Ken Moulton and family for
helping with moving the tables, helping with setup, the sale, and moving the leftovers
back into the Library. Thank you to all who donated books for the sale and to all who
purchased books. We couldn't do this without you!

CRAFT CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY:

KNITTING- classes were attended by a few people who learned basic knitting
techniques.

CROCHET-classes were taught by Jean Anne Perrier and were a lot of fun! Thank you
Jeanne Anne!

YOGA: Gentle yoga classes taught by Alexandra Mello have changed to Mon. evenings and are continuing to be popular. Thank you, Alexandra!

STORYTIMES: Story times led by Gail Tilton have been held on various days and times. There are often crafts related to the stories and always refreshments! The children attending them have a great time. Thank you Gail!

MOVIETIMES: Several movies were shown at the Library during the summer months and during school vacations. Thank you to the Whately Elementary School for loaning us their projector and to the Friends for sponsoring the licensing. Thank you to Gwen and Jimmie Thayer, Zack Young, Gail Tilton, and Carolyn Meunier for helping with this program.

BLOOD AND GUTS PROGRAM: Sponsored by Baystate Franklin Medical Center was held on Oct. 25. This was an educational and fun program designed to introduce families to health issues and human anatomy through the use of a "body map". Each participant visited stations involving hands-on use of x-ray, respiratory, circulatory models and equipment. Over seventy people attended! Refreshments and raffle prizes were donated by the Baystate Franklin Medical center, and treat bags, donated by the Friends of the Whately Library, were given out.

DONATIONS: The family and friends of Sophie and Sabin Filipkowski contributed \$5275 to a memorial fund to be used for books for the Library. The family of Ella Fritsch donated her aquarium of fish for display in the children's room. A donation of \$100 in her memory was also made by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Gagnon from Sunderland. Lasalle's donated and maintained the flowers in the flower boxes at the main entrance. The Chamutka family donated fall decorations and Christmas wreaths for the front doors. Martha Zigmont donated apples for our fall storytimes. Tom Leamon and Marianne Simon donated several hundred books from their collection. Many were added to our collection and others contributed to the great selection for the book sale. Thank you to the Whately Historical society for donating new copies of the Ena Cane, and J. M. Crafts Histories of Whately for our reference collection. Thank you to our anonymous patron for making our magnets. Thank you to the many patrons and community members who have continued to donate books, videos and DVD's. We appreciate all that you do!

VOLUNTEERS: Thank you to Carolyn Meunier, Martha Zigmont, Gail Tilton, and our newest volunteers, Bryanne McDonough and Bill Saunders. You have all helped to make the Library a warm, welcoming asset to our community.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Betsy Cook for her continued support and dedication to helping patrons find the "right book". Thanks to Jim Ostrowski, the "unsung hero" of the Library. Thanks also to Fiona Stryzsko for providing, and Sharon Young for maintaining the beautiful flowers that grace our walkway. Thank you to the Whately Cultural Council for providing the funds for the musical event kicking-off our Summer Reading Program. Thank you Friends of the Whately Library for providing literary events, funds and promotional items to enhance the Library's significance in the community. Thank you to the Western Mass. Regional Library System for helping us to maintain our level of service to our patrons through Inter-Library Loan, Bookmobile deliveries and the great workshops. Thank you to the Trustees for their continued support and commitment to our goal as a recreational and educational resource in our community.

Thank you, again, Whately Community, for your appreciation and continued support!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Moulton".

Christine Moulton
Library Director

Annual Trustees' Report
S. W. Dickinson Library
Year Ending December 31, 2007

The Trustees would like to thank the citizens of Whately and the surrounding towns who patronize our library and attend events there.

This year our Board saw the retirement of long-time trustee, Liz Dwight. We were fortunate to have her input for as long as we did, and even though she is "retired," she continues to provide needed help and information about the details of both operating the library and maintaining the physical plant as well.

We were also fortunate to have the help of both Carolyn Meunier and Martha Zigmont, who cheerfully volunteered their time, freeing Chris to work on issues related to the running of the library. She now has the help of Brianne McDonough and Gail Tilton, who are both enthusiastic and helpful.

We thank Fiona Stryzko and Sharon Young for all the work they did on the flower beds in the front of the library. They were a beautiful enhancement to a classic building.

We are very grateful to the family of Sabin and Sophie Filipkowski for a very generous donation of \$5,275.00. This kind of gift helps keep the library going.

The Trustees have also been involved in issues related to the physical plant, mainly concerning the roof, scuppers and the handicap ramp. We also continue to work on the long term plan, and will present the final version in 2008.

Many thanks to Chris, who does an amazing job, far beyond the hours that she is paid for. We are fortunate to have her, and want her to know how much she is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Smith, Katie Edwards, Sandra Saunders, Joyce Tutun,
Shelly Futter

Annual Report
From the
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Whately Elementary School
for 2006-2007

January 2008

WHATELY SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Nathanael Fortune, Chair
Whately School Committee
Whately, MA 01093

Dear Mr. Fortune:

I respectfully submit the 2007 Annual Report for the Whately Elementary School.

WHATELY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRES

Nathanael Fortune, Chair	2009
Cris Coffin, Vice Chair	2008
*Robert Halla, Member	2010

*Representative to the Frontier Regional School Committee

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Special Education Director	Michael Ponti
Administrative Secretary	Donna Hathaway
Administrative Secretary	Janet Stellman
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Receptionist	Brenda Antes
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Donna Zaeske
Secretary	Sarah Valley

WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2007

Grade	Boys	Girls	School Choice	Tuitioned In	Total
PreK	5	3	0	2	10
K	10	4	4	0	18
1	5	7	6	0	18
2	4	3	7	0	14
3	9	2	4	0	15
4	7	7	4	0	18
5	7	5	2	0	14
6	8	8	2	0	18
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Total	55	39	29	2	125

UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE
CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

STEP	B	B+15	M	M+15	M+30
1	32,748	33,773	34,830	35,915	37,038
2	33,773	34,830	35,915	37,038	38,196
3	34,830	35,915	37,038	38,196	39,390
4	35,915	37,038	38,196	39,390	40,622
5	37,038	38,196	39,390	40,622	41,891
6	38,196	39,390	40,622	41,891	43,198
7	39,390	40,622	41,891	43,198	44,548
8	40,622	41,891	43,198	44,548	45,940
9	41,891	43,198	44,548	45,940	47,378
10	43,198	44,548	45,940	47,378	48,856
11	44,548	45,940	47,378	48,856	50,382
12	45,940	47,378	48,856	50,382	51,958
13	47,378	48,856	50,382	51,958	53,584
14	50,594	52,123	54,000	55,625	57,828
20	51,141	52,669	54,547	56,172	58,375

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$275 per teacher unit.

Workshop Presenters: \$30 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$400

Placement on 20 occurs when a teacher has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the District.

FINANCIAL REPORT

TOWN OF WHATELY **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

SUMMARY OF BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES

JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007

CATEGORY

School Committee	\$ 7,707
Central Office	61,868
Principal's Office	100,725
General Instruction	494,939
Kindergarten	66,521
Pre-School	11,067
Art	11,085
Music	19,239
Physical Education	15,315
Special Education	123,814
Library/Media	36,212
Guidance	35,563
Psychologist	11,784
Student Services	2,185
Health	21,549
Cafeteria	3,917
Buildings & Grounds	146,920
Fixed Costs	13,842
Transportation	31,809
Fixed Assets	0
Total	\$1,216,061

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT WHATELY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Whately Elementary School continues to offer a strong, effective learning community in which all children are welcomed, respected, and given the tools they need to help them learn and grow. Our students enjoy excellent, up-to-date school facilities, access to current technology, and outstanding educational programs. The educational opportunities available to students are possible because the people of Whately continue to so willingly fund their school's budget and to support its faculty and programs.

The high standards set for our students by their families and teachers are evident daily in classrooms throughout our schools. Our students continue to perform successfully on local and state assessments. Their overall MCAS scores are among the strongest in the state.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2007, enrollment for Whately Elementary School totaled 125 (PreK-6) students. This is an increase of 1 from the October 1, 2006, enrollment figures. The School Choice enrollment totaled 29 students, which is an increase of 10 from the School Choice enrollment of October 2006.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

During the 2006/07 School year, Whately teachers worked collaboratively with teachers in the neighboring schools of Conway, Deerfield and Sunderland to develop a new student progress report for grades 1 – 6. The new report, which is distributed twice a year to students' families, is "standards based" which means that students' academic growth is measured according to consistent district curriculum standards. The district curriculum reflects the standards published by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the new progress report identifies the specific skills and concepts addressed in the classroom each term. The goal is to keep parents fully informed about their child's academic progress and to ensure that consistently high quality instruction reflecting our state standards is delivered in every classroom.

A focus of the professional development program in the past year has been the prevention of bullying behavior in our schools. All staff and faculty PK – 12 were trained in detecting signs of cyber bullying and participated in a district wide training on preventing bullying by Dr. Barbara Coloroso, a national expert in the field. Prior to the training, a copy of Dr. Coloroso's book entitled ***The Bully, The Bullied, and the Bystander*** was provided to every staff member. The faculty of Whately is using the information from their training to develop specific procedures around bullying that aim to make Whately Elementary School a safe and supportive environment for all students.

ASSESSMENT

Whately students scored well on the state MCAS tests administered in grades 3-6 in the areas of Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science each spring. Under the *No Child Left Behind* Act, each school receives an annual report measuring a school's "Adequate

Yearly Progress” toward the goal set by the federal government that 100% of students reach proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics by the year 2014.

All students’ test scores in a particular discipline across all grade levels tested on the MCAS are averaged over two years to determine each school’s total Adequate Yearly Progress rating. The good news is that Massachusetts students scored well above other states in student progress in both areas tested and Whately Elementary School’s students’ scores were well above the average scores in Massachusetts!

STAFF

As of September 1, 2007, newly hired faculty members at the Whately Elementary School are: Erica Fisher (Grade 2), Jenny Kate Marble (Library Media Specialist), Laura Piziak (Grade 6) and Sally Rice (Speech/Language Pathologist).

Linda Gorey, Grade 4 Teacher, and James Bielunis, Grade 5 Teacher, retired this year. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication of Whately School Committee members Chair, Nathanael Fortune, Robert Halla and Cris Coffin. They take their responsibilities very seriously and work extremely hard for the students of the Whately Elementary School District. I look forward to continuing our work together.

My sincere thanks to the Whately PTO and School Council. Their tireless efforts for the students at Whately Elementary School significantly enhance the many opportunities available to our students and staff.

I want to thank all those town departments who help us keep our students and staff safe. I especially wish to recognize the Police, Fire, and Highway Departments for their dedication and vigilance.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to the citizens of Whately for their support. All members of the community are welcome to visit our school and encouraged to participate in the wide range of school activities and programs that are always available to them.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Annual Report
From the
Office of the Superintendent of Schools

Frontier Regional School
For 2006 - 2007

January 2008

FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Robert Halla, Chair
Frontier Regional School District Committee
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Halla:

I respectfully submit the 2007 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

TERM EXPIRES

* Robert Halla, Chair, Whately	2008
Diane Gumaer, Vice Chair, Sunderland	2008
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2009
Andrea Llamas, Member, Conway	2010
Brian Pinette, , Member, Deerfield	2008
Alexis Toy, Member, Deerfield	2009
* Cyndie Ouimette, Member, Conway	2008
* Lynn Cook, Member, Sunderland	2008
* Mary Ramon, Member, Deerfield	2008

*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one-year term.

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.	Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager
Michael Ponti	Director of Special Education
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Donna Hathaway	Administrative Secretary
Janet Stellman	Administrative Secretary
Diana Capuano	Special Education Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL

Martha Barrett	Principal
Darius Modestow	Assistant Principal
Kelly Blanchette	Special Education Secretary
Deborah Coons	Administrative Secretary
Debbie Mason	Attendance Officer
Roberta Reiter	Administrative Secretary
Karen Siwicki	Guidance Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL **ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2007**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Conway</u>	<u>Deerfield</u>	<u>Sunderland</u>	<u>Whately</u>	<u>School Choice</u>	<u>Tuitioned In</u>	<u>Total</u>
7	12	40	22	22	16		112
8	11	51	34	19	20		135
9	11	34	26	15	16		102
10	10	52	31	15	9	1	118
11	16	46	25	14	15		116
12	20	54	37	9	15	1	136
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Total	80	277	175	94	91	2	719

FRONTIER REGIONAL

SALARY SCHEDULE

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

STEP	Bachelors	Masters	M+30
1	33,380	34,987	36,959
2	35,099	36,509	38,357
3	36,556	38,067	39,804
4	37,455	39,682	41,302
5	38,768	40,952	42,819
6	39,782	42,295	44,426
7	41,495	43,643	45,893
8	42,589	45,029	47,371
9	43,717	46,164	49,510
10	45,892	48,787	51,711
11	48,299	51,614	53,980
12	49,100	53,517	56,472
13	51,008	55,494	58,496
*20L	51,508	55,994	58,996
**25L	52,008	56,494	59,496

* Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

** Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

In Massachusetts, as throughout the United States, academic expectations continue to rise. During this current school year, students in grades seven, eight, and ten will continue to undergo MCAS testing. In the face of these continually rising expectations, I am proud to say that the energy, commitment, and professionalism of faculty, staff, and administration and the ongoing community support for the budgets, have enabled quality programs to flourish at Frontier Regional School, even in difficult times. Students and teachers work hard to meet the goals of *No Child Left Behind* and the *Education Reform Act of 1993*.

I am proud to report that I continue to see a commitment to high standards on the part of students, parents, faculty, and community members. Evidence of this has been apparent in our students' success on local and state assessments, and in the work that students and teachers accomplish in our school every day.

ENROLLMENT AND SCHOOL CHOICE

The October 1, 2007 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 719 students. This is an increase of 4 from the October 1, 2006 enrollment figures. The School Choice enrollment totaled 91 students, which is an increase of 13 students from the School Choice enrollment of October 2006.

The Frontier Regional School graduated 107 students in the Class of 2007.

STAFF

Newly hired faculty members at Frontier Regional School this year are Gary Boisseau (High School Social Studies), Gail Conner (Middle/High School Art/Drama), Rochelle Garfinkle (Media Center), Darius Modestow (Assistant Principal), Stephanie Recore (Middle School Life Skills), Kathy Scott (High School Special Education), Laura Sienkiewicz (High School Life Skills) and Whitney Tandon (Middle School Strings). The majority of faculty replaced faculty who have moved to other districts or who have retired. Two special education programs were brought to the school to reduce the cost incurred by sending students to out-of-district placements.

Dr. Janice Dore (Librarian) and Donald Gordon (Math Teacher) retired this year. We wish them the very best in their future endeavors.

ASSESSMENT

In the class of 2008, one hundred percent of students passed both the English and Mathematics MCAS, achieving the competency determination for graduation. Ninety – five percent of grade seven students passed English Language Arts MCAS and Eighty-one percent of students passed the Mathematics MCAS. Ninety-eight percent of grade eight students passed English Language Arts and eighty-six percent passed the Mathematics MCAS.

Thirty-seven students in the class of 2008 (twenty-five percent of the senior class) qualified for the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship. Students who qualify for this scholarship achieved one advanced score on the MCAS exam and no less than proficient on the second MCAS. The top twenty-five percent of students at Frontier were given a scholarship that entitles them to four years of free tuition at any state college or university.

Using local funds and several grant sources the Frontier Regional School continued to provide an after school math support program. Twenty-six students in grades seven, eight, and nine enrolled in the program. The program was designed to meet the needs of students who need additional support in mathematics and help students achieve a passing score on the MCAS Mathematics exam.

In addition to the after school math support program, Frontier continues to offer a summer support program in math and English Language Arts. This program is funded by a small grant from the Department of Education as well as local funding. Data has confirmed the success of this program.

CURRICULUM AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Under the guidance of Principal Martha Barrett, faculty at Frontier continue to examine student writing. Once again, the entire faculty was involved in evaluating student essays that were based on student's summer reading assignments. This is the fifth year that faculty were involved in the process of scoring, reading and discussing student writing.

The Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks continue to be a central theme in all curriculum discussions. This year teachers in all academic areas were involved in a continuation of a curriculum mapping project. The faculty will continue to refine their individual as well as grade level maps by content area throughout the next calendar year. This process will also be valuable in the upcoming New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) reaccreditations process. Our visit for this accreditation is scheduled for 2010.

The Title I program in math continues to serve students in the middle school. Approximately 40 students in grades seven and eight are working with the Title I teacher in small groups to improve their math skills.

Frontier teachers are continually engaged in professional development activities. Curriculum development, state standards and data driven analysis are central themes in most of these activities. In addition, this year faculty are focusing on the theme of creating a culture that discourages bullying among students.

SPECIAL THANKS

I am pleased to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of Frontier Regional School Committee Members: Chair, Robert Halla, Diane Gumaer, William Smith, Mary Ramon, Andrea Llamas, Lynn Cook, Brian Pinette, Cyndie Ouimette, and Alexis Toy. I look forward with pleasure to continuing our work together.

This year, I would like to offer special recognition to all of the teachers and staff members who work tirelessly to make our schools such effective learning communities. I appreciate their professionalism, their willingness to meet the needs of individual students, and the care and concern they bring to their classrooms every school day.

I am proud of the efforts of our administration, teaching and support staff, students and central office support and administrative staff as they demonstrate daily the high levels of accountability that are so important to the success of today's schools. I am also extremely grateful for the ongoing support of parents; the communities of Conway, Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately; and our school councils and town officials and employees. Without this team effort, we could not obtain the educational excellence for which our schools are known and admired.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina H. Nash, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
82 INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376

2007 Annual Report to Towns

We submit this annual report for 2007 on behalf of the Franklin County Technical School District and its administration, faculty, staff and students.

Total enrollment as of October 1, 2007 was 525 students with town breakouts as follows:

Bernardston	26	Erving	7	Montague	69	Sunderland	13
Buckland	16	Gill	10	New Salem	6	Warwick	8
Colrain	25	Greenfield	138	Northfield	29	Wendell	8
Conway	11	Heath	6	Orange	66	Whately	8
Deerfield	15	Leyden	5	Shelburne	13	Non-District	42

Franklin County Technical School awarded 117 diplomas to our seniors in June of 2007. This marked the sixth year that Massachusetts students were required to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma. Once again our students were very successful in meeting this high academic standard. The graduates also earned their vocational certificate along with their diploma. 45% of our graduates planned to go on to either a two or four year college, 38% joined the area work force, 2% planned to join the military, 9% went on to a post secondary trade/technical school. We are proud of the accomplishments of the Class of 2007.

All schools in the Commonwealth are required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to meet or exceed specific student performance standards in English/language arts and mathematics. The Franklin County Technical School did not achieve adequate yearly progress determinations for the 2006 – 2007 school year and, with one exception, this is the first time this has occurred since 2001. This determination is based solely on how students perform during the 10th grade MCAS exams. Our students commence their education with us in their ninth grade year, and although this determination was not achieved within their first two years with us, we are nonetheless proud of the fact that our students have a 99% success rate of passing MCAS by the time they graduate.

During the 2007 school year, the students from various vocational programs continue to give back to the municipalities and non-profit entities in our district through the completion of a variety of projects. Our unique house building partnership with Habitat for Humanity continues this year and is being considered as a case study by Habitat International in Atlanta, GA. They are interested in replicating this mutually beneficial relationship in other areas. The police station in Bernardston will receive a turf installation in the spring, the Central MA Steam, Gas and Machinery Association located at the Orange airport will benefit from a new heating system installation, Veterans Memorial Field in Greenfield will experience phase two of the plumbing/lighting renovation and the Union 38 school district has had computer projectors installed by our electrical students to name a few projects. There are at least a dozen more either in progress or planned in the future.

We have a very well maintained building that has aging mechanical systems and, consequently, we are confronted with increasing repair and maintenance costs for these systems. The administration began to explore a possible solution to these issues last winter through performance contracting. Performance contracting allows municipalities and regional school districts the opportunity to install new energy efficient systems and use the resulting savings in energy costs to finance the improvements. The law states that the net impact on the overall budget must be zero. We are currently pursuing a performance contract and, with school committee approval, could have new systems in place in 2008.

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FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT


2007 Annual Report to Towns

We continue to work with Greenfield Community College to offer evening courses at Franklin County Technical School, as well as a program that is co-taught by a F.C.T.S and a G.C.C. instructor and is offered after our normal school hours. This program enables our seniors to experience the college environment first hand while obtaining college credits.

We also continue to work with Franklin County businesses, the Regional Employment Board and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce to make sure that our graduates are part of the Economic Development for Franklin County.

We thank each and every citizen of Franklin County for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,



Mr. Richard J. Kuklewicz, School Committee Chairman



Mr. Richard K. Lane, Superintendent

2007 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The 2006 Annual Report of the Town Clerk indicated that there may be many changes in elections on the horizon but as the legislature moves slowly none of the changes, such as "at will" absentee voting and same day registration, have been enacted. 2007 was an off year for elections. The only election held in Whately for 2007 was the annual town election. We did introduce the new handicapped accessible voting machine at this election. Blind and physically challenged voters may use this machine to vote independently. Although it is designed for the handicapped any voter is welcome to use the machine as long as there is no handicapped person waiting in line. This machine produces a paper ballot that is placed in our regular ballot box and counted the same way as all the other ballots.

Annual town meeting was held in April and we were able to vote a balanced budget at that time rather than waiting until June as we have done the past couple of years. A special town meeting was held in December. Minutes of these meetings are included later in this report.

In November, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, presented a bill to the legislature to change the date of the March 4, 2008 presidential primary to February 5th. This bill passed with overwhelming support by the legislature but left clerk's scrambling to get prepared for the change. 2008 will be a very busy year for elections with the Feb. 5th primary, May 20th town election, September 16th state primary and November 4th presidential election.

My annual preservation and code book projects were put on hold again this year due to lack of funding. I am hoping that if the town votes to pass the Community Preservation Act, I will be able to use that money for the preservation of old town records. The code book will remain on hold until funding becomes available.

Preparations for the 2010 Federal Census have begun. The Town Clerk's office is responsible for confirming the Federal address list through the LUCA program. I am concerned that even with accurate street addresses, residents in town may have a difficult time getting the census forms due to our "unique" mail situation of four different zip codes in town. I had suggested to the Federal Census folks that rather than doing a mailing that residents were unlikely to receive, they should go door to door to do the census. I was told that a mailing would be the first method used and door to door would be reserved for those that did not return the census or their census forms were returned by the post office. I encourage all residents to respond to the census either by mail or by a personal visit of a census enumerator. This data is used to calculate not only our representation to the state and federal senate and house but is also used in formulas to calculate funding of various programs and grants.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of my usual hours at the Center School Office building at 218 Chestnut Plain Road:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tuesdays from Noon – 7 p.m.

If you have special needs that make visiting my office in the Center School difficult, please call me at 665-0054 and I will make arrangements to meet you in a more accessible location.

The following is a summary of the activities of the Town Clerk's Office for the year 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn M. Sibley, Town Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
17	15	7	17	13	9	16

MARRIAGES

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
5	7	11	9	7	10	4

DEATHS

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
8	15	15	15	4	15	12

2007 DOG LICENSES

26	Male Dogs @ \$10.00	\$ 260.00
142	Neutered Male Dogs @ \$5.00	710.00
27	Female Dogs @ \$10.00	270.00
<u>157</u>	Spayed Female Dogs @ \$5.00	<u>785.00</u>
352		\$2,025.00
	Plus Fines Charged for Late Licensing	<u>1,275.00</u>
	Total Turned Over to Treasurer	\$3,300.00

2007 FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE RETURN

20	Resident Fishing @ \$27.50	550.00
2	Resident Fishing Minor @ \$11.50	23.00
1	Resident Fishing 65-69 @ \$16.25	16.25
22	Resident Fishing Handicapped – free	--
2	Non- Resident Fishing @ \$37.50	75.00
1	Non-Resident Fishing – 3 day @\$23.50	23.50
1	Duplicate Fishing @ \$2.50	2.50
4	Resident Hunting @ \$27.50	110.00
1	Minor Hunting @ \$11.50	11.50
24	Resident Sporting @ \$45.00	1,080.00
2	Resident Sporting 65-69	50.00
19	Resident Citizen Sporting Over age 70 – free	--
1	Duplicate Sporting @ \$2.50	2.50
11	Archery Stamp @ \$5.10	56.10
4	Waterfowl Stamp \$5.00	20.00
10	Primitive Firearms Stamp @ \$5.10	51.00
	Total	<u>2071.35</u>
	Additional \$1.00 surcharge per license	<u>57.00</u>
	Amount turned over to Town Treasurer	2,128.35
	 Paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts	 <u>2,039.75</u>
	Fees Collected by Town of Whately	88.60

OTHER FEES COLLECTED BY TOWN CLERK

Zoning Board – Appeals	475.00
Planning Board – ANR – Other Filings	675.00
Sale of by-laws and sub-division	361.00
Sale of Street Listing	45.00
Copies	9.00
Gas Renewal Permits	100.00
Vitals	690.00
Business Certificates	185.00
Miscellaneous	60.40
Raffle	<u>20.00</u>
 Total Other Fees Paid to Town Treasury in Clerk Receipts	 \$2,620.40

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
APRIL 24, 2007**

Pursuant to the within warrant the annual meeting of the Town of Whately held at the Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road was called to order Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley read the Constable's return of the warrant. Virginia Allis acted as checker and assigned voting placards to those voters attending the meeting. Attendance was 134 voters. Before the actual start of the meeting the Moderator made the following announcements.

A moment of silence was held for Michael Allard a 16 year old who died earlier in the week.

Saturday, April 28th is Clean Up Whately day. All citizens are encouraged to take garbage bags and recycle bags and clean the streets in their area of town on this day. It was also suggested that this be an ongoing effort. Ethan Dickinson has offered to remove large items in his trucks. Marianne Simon is organizer of this event.

The Moderator recognized Carl Brooks who announced the Memorial Day Festivities planned by the Whately Grange for Sunday, May 27, 2007 starting with a church service at the Whately Congregational Church and a parade following at 11 a.m.

The Moderator appointed Bill Smith and George Bucala as counters. This meeting was being broadcast on Channel 15 as well.

Article 1. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town accept the Annual Reports of the officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees. (No other reports were heard.)

Article 2. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2007, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Article 3. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2008, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F).

Article 4. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement.

Article 5. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 s. 53 E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2008 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY07 Fund Balance	Spending Restrictions or Comments
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk Animal Control Officer	Dog license fees, fines and late charges	Any lawful expense related to dog licensing, animal control officer operating expenses, or any expense related to the implementation of the town's Dog Control By-law	\$1,000	\$1,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission by majority vote of its membership	Sports program registration fees, building and park rental fees, donations and proceeds from fund-raisers	Any lawful expense related to the activities, programs, and facilities operated by the Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Library Revolving Fund	Trustees of S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library, by majority vote of its membership	Fees from overdue books and videos and fees from copy machine use	Any lawful expense associated with the activities and programs of the S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library	\$1,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Public Hearings Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees for costs of public hearings	Costs related to hearings: advertising, recording fees, and other expenses	\$2500	Balance available for expenditure.	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Total Spending:				\$14,500		

Article 6. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the town for Fiscal Year 2008 as follows:

	FY2008
Moderator	\$103
Selectmen - Chair	\$1,571
Members	\$1,442
Town Clerk	\$14,121
Assessors - Chair	\$1,571
Members	\$1,442
Water Commissioners	\$618
School Committee	\$309
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$10
Board of Health - Chair	\$747
Members	\$618
Constables	\$11.68/hour
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$10.59/hour
Opening Graves Fee	\$500/grave

Zoning Articles

A motion was made to take up the zoning articles because an invited guest had arrived. Article 19 was moved for discussion and a brief presentation followed. Kimberly MacPhee of the FRCOG discussed the need to re-examine the aquifer protection overlay district in light of the Whately Water District wells in the center of town. She explained geologically how the new Zone II and III's were determined. Ms. MacPhee also explained the changes to the Flag Lot section of the bylaw that created much discussion at last year's meeting. The Aquifer Protection Committee is recommending changes to the wording under the flag lot bylaw as well as the Aquifer Protection District bylaw to clarify that flag lots do not need to be double the size in the Aquifer Protection District. Tom Litwin of 141 Chestnut Plain Road gave a brief overview of how and why the Aquifer Protection Committee was created and Don Sluter of 336 Haydenville Road showed and explained the new Aquifer Protection Overlay District maps.

Article 19. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town amend the Code of Whately and the Whately Zoning Map – Aquifer Protection District Areas, dated April 25, 2006 and identified in Town of Whately Zoning Bylaws 171-28.4D.(1), to include the newly defined Zone II and expanding Zone III for the three (3) bedrock wells in the Whately Water District. (See map attached.) (Vote was unanimous)

Article 20. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaws and the Code of Whately as follows:

Chapter 171-24-G to read: "The area of each flag lot, excluding the access strip, shall be at least double the minimum lot area required in the district. In the Aquifer Protection District the area of each flag lot, excluding the access strip, shall be at least three (3) acres.

Add the following sentence at the end of Chapter 171-28.4F., paragraph (1): "Flag lots in these areas, excluding the access strip, shall be at least three (3) acres. Vote was unanimous.

Article 21. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town amend the Town of Whately Zoning Bylaws and the Code of Whately by changing the application and review fees in Chapter 171-47A to:

(1) Residential/agricultural: \$75.00

(2) Commercial/Industrial: \$125.00

Vote was unanimous.

Article 7. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Moved to act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget and to raise and appropriate money for the operation of the town's departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year. Each heading of the budget was taken up individually. Questions were addressed as the meeting progressed through the budget items.

Two Amendments were made during this article.

Amendment One: After a motion made and seconded it was voted to remove the line item related to Stabilization under the heading Unclassified as there will be a separate article to address the transfer into this account. This amendment was passed unanimously

Amendment Two: After a motion made and seconded it was voted that the Frontier requested budget of \$886,157 be appropriated rather than the Finance Committee Recommended amount of \$863,033. This amendment was passed 88 to 20.

A note was also made that under the Long Term Debt section, the Police Station and Solar Panels will be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion vote.

After much discussion it was voted to act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget as amended and to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the operation of the town's departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year .

	Voted for FY08	FY08 Contingent on On Passage of Prop. 2 1/2 Debt Exclusion
<u>Gen. Govt.</u>		
Selectmen's Office	\$64,958	
Legal Counsel	7,500	
Audit	6,000	
Town Report	2,400	
Town Bldg. Oper.	20,600	
Town Clerk	20,487	
Town Accountant	15,008	
Accounting Software Support	1,000	
Payroll Preparation	2,980	
Acct. Software Conversion	5,000	
Treasurer/Collector	37,333	
Tax Takings	2,000	

	Voted for FY08	FY08 Contingent on On Passage of Prop. 2 1/2
Assessors (including revaluation.)	28,401	
Planning Board	1,709	
Zoning Bd. Appeals	1,215	
Finance Comm.	150	
Moderator	103	
Cons. Comm.	502	
Historical Comm.	200	
Agricultural Commission	200	
Sub-Total:	\$217,746	
<u>Culture & Rec. Services</u>		
Tri-Town Beach	\$4,029	
Recreation Comm.	3,600	
Cemetery Comm.	4,784	
Library	36,962	
Council on Aging	3,322	
Veterans	4,464	
Sub-Total:	\$57,161	
<u>Public Health</u>		
Board of Health	\$2,283	
Health Agent	13,286	
Solid Waste Disposal.	36,191	
Hazardous Waste	800	
FC Waste Dist.	3,693	
Sub-Total:	\$56,253	
<u>Public Safety</u>		
Fire	\$34,934	
Ambulance	20,401	
Police	107,212	
Quinn Bill Incentive	7,082	
Animal Control	2,405	
Animal Inspection	409	
Emergency Mgt.	960	
FC Inspection Program.	40,198	
Sub-Total:	\$213,601	

Voted for
FY08

FY08 Contingent on
On Passage of Prop. 2 1/2

Public Works

Highway Dept.

Salaries	\$99,471
Gen. Highways	66,300
Winter Roads	85,780
Road Machinery	17,675
Garage Maint.	5,880
Trees	6,150
Total Highway Department	\$281,256

Water Dept.

Salaries	23,042
Operations	25,000
Total Water Dept.	48,042

Total Public Works	\$329,298
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Ins. & Benefits

Property & Liability Ins.	\$60,500
Employee Health Ins.	268,649
Medicare & Social Security	15,400
Workers Comp. Ins.	14,000
Life	1,260
Unemployment Ins.	1,000
Retirement	87,274

Sub-Total:	\$448,083
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Unclassified

Temp. Loan Interest	\$4,000
Reserve Fund	20,000
FR Council of Govt.	16,862
Physicals & Tests	750
Town Vehicles Fuel	25,000
Educational Incentives (T. Clerk)	2,000

Sub-Total:	\$68,612
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	Voted for FY08	FY08 Contingent on On Passage of Prop. 2 1/2
Total Town Govt.:	\$1,390,754	
Schools		
Elementary	\$1,338,790	
Frontier Operating	\$881,467	
Frontier Transportation	4,690	
Total Frontier	\$886,157	
Franklin County Tech. School	\$98,461	
Smith Vocational Tuition	\$32,000	
Total Schools	\$2,355,408	
<u>Debt</u>		
Water System Bond	\$114,537.50	
Whately Elem. School Bond	277,250.00	
Frontier Bond	110,526.00	
Police Station		\$46,519
Solar Panels		24,630
Sub-Total:	\$502,313.50	\$71,149
Total Operating Budget	\$4,248,475.50	\$71,149

Article 8. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the Town transfer the sum of **\$45,000** from the Pothole Grant Account to the Stabilization Account.

Article 9. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (FY06 Free Cash) the sum of **\$8,892** for its share of renovations of the former East Whately Elementary School, currently the offices of the Frontier Regional School District.

Article 10. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (FY06 Free Cash) the sum of **\$12,500** to fund the replacement and updating of controls and alarms at the Water Department pumping station as part of the 2008 Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 11. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (FY06 Free Cash) the sum of **\$24,000** to fund the fourth year of a five year lease-to-own schedule for a front end loader for the Highway Department, as part of the 2008 Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 12. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (FY06 Free Cash) the sum of **\$5,160** to repair the recycle bins at the Transfer Station as part of the Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 13. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from available funds (FY06 Free Cash) the sum of **\$19,261** to fund the first year of a two year lease-to-own schedule for the purchase of a one ton dump truck for the Highway Department, as part of the 2008 Capital Improvement Plan.

Article 14. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town authorize the Board of Assessors to transfer from Free Cash the sum of **\$80,187** to reduce the tax levy for FY2008.

Article 15. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town in accordance with M.G.L. Chap. 40 Section 4A authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Inter Municipal Mutual Aid Agreement with one or more other municipal governmental units to provide public health, public works, and all other government services, which the Board of Health, Department of Public Works, and all other Town boards, departments commissions, or positions are authorized to perform, in accordance with an inter municipal mutual aid agreement to be entered into between the Town of Whately and the governmental units.

Article 16. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town accept Chapter 39 Section 23D of the Mass. General Laws regarding the attendance of members of municipal boards at adjudicatory hearings.

Article 17. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$186,077** by borrowing to renovate the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister & Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(3A) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k).

Vote was 99 For and 4 Against

Article 18. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,525** by borrowing to purchase and install photo voltaic panels and the accompanying equipment on the present Youth Center as part of the renovation project to convert this building into a police station and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(3A) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k).

Vote was 70 For and 9 Against

Article 22. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town amend the Code of Whately by replacing section 88-1 with the following:
Disposal of Refuse, Rubbish, Etc., on Highways or any Public Land, Private Property, or in Coastal or Inland Waters: No person may, in violation of G.L. c.270, §16, place, throw, deposit or discharge or cause to be placed, thrown, deposited or discharged, trash, bottles or cans, refuse, rubbish, garbage, debris, scrap, waste or other material of any kind on a public highway or within 20 yards of a public highway, or on any other public land, or in or upon coastal or inland waters, as defined in G.L. c.131, §1, or within 20 yards of such waters, or on property of another, or on lands dedicated for open space purposes, including lands subject to conservation restrictions and agricultural preservation restrictions as defined in G.L. c.184. The provisions of this bylaw may be enforced by the Police Officers of the Town of Whately, and the Town's Board of Health, or health agent, by any available means in law or equity, including but not limited to enforcement by noncriminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c. 40, §21D. Each day a violation exists shall constitute separate violation. When enforced through noncriminal disposition, the penalties shall be as follows:

First and subsequent violations for disposal of hazardous waste, as defined under G.L. c.21C, §2, and any other state or federal law or regulation promulgated there under, including hazardous medical waste; \$300.00.

First and subsequent violations for disposal of non-hazardous materials; \$250.00.

First and subsequent violations for the use of a motor vehicle involving unlawful disposal of more than seven cubic feet of trash, bottles or cans, refuse, rubbish, garbage, debris, scrap, waste or any other materials and the use of the motor vehicle is observed by the enforcing authority while the offense is in progress; \$1,000.00. (This last sentence was disapproved by the Attorney General 6/18/07.)

Article 23. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted by the majority of voters present at this April 24, 2007 town meeting that the town pass the following resolution and forward it to the office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States of America.

Resolution to Impeach President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney.

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard Cheney conspired with others to defraud the United States of America by intentionally misleading Congress and the public regarding the threat from Iraq in order to justify a war in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 371; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush has admitted to ordering the National Security Agency to conduct electronic surveillance of American civilians without seeking warrants from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Review, duly constituted by Congress in 1978, in violation of Title 50 United State Code, Section 1905; and

WHEREAS, George W. Bush and Richard Cheney conspired to commit the torture of prisoners in violation of the “Federal Torture Act” Title 18 United State Code, Section 113C, the UN Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention, which under Article VI of the Constitution are part of the “supreme Law of the Land”; and

Whereas, George W. Bush and Richard Cheney acted to strip American citizens of their constitutional rights by ordering indefinite detention without access to legal counsel, without charge and without the opportunity to appear before a civil judicial officer to challenge the detention, based solely on the discretionary designation by the President of a U.S. Citizen as an “enemy combatant; all in subversion of law; and

WHEREAS, In all of this George W. Bush and Richard Cheney have acted in a manner contrary to their trust as President and Vice President, subversive of constitutional government to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of Whately, Massachusetts and of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, Petitions from the country at large may be presented to the Speaker of the House according to Clause 3 of House Rule XII;

Be it resolved that George W. Bush and Richard Cheney, by such conduct, warrant impeachment and trial, and removal from office and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States;

Be it resolved further by the People of the Town of Whately, Massachusetts, that our senators and representatives in the United States Congress be, and they are hereby requested to cause to be instituted in the Congress of the United States proper proceedings for the investigation of the activities of the President George W. Bush & Vice President Richard Cheney, to the end that they may be impeached and removed from such office.

Be it resolved further, That the Clerk of the Town of Whately, Massachusetts be, and is hereby, instructed to certify to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, under the seal of the Town of Whately, Massachusetts, a copy of this resolution and its adoption by the Town of Whately, Massachusetts, as a petition, and request that this petition be delivered to the Office of the Clerk and entered in the United States Congressional Journal. The copies shall be marked with the word “Petition” at the top of the document and contain the original authorizing signature of the Selectboard. (This article was presented by petition.)

Article 24. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

A friendly amendment was made to add “and the Officials of the Town of Whately” after Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Voted as amended by the majority of voters present at this meeting that the town go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress of the United States as well as the Governor and Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the officials of the Town

of Whately to address the issue of climate change which poses a clear and present danger to people and the environment.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the Massachusetts General Court, the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices. (This article was presented by petition.)

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 9:55 p.m.

A true copy,

Attest:

Lynn M. Sibley
Town Clerk of Whately

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WHATELY
December 4, 2007**

Pursuant to the within warrant a special town meeting of the Town of Whately was called to order on Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. at the Whately Elementary School by Moderator Paul M. Fleuriel, Jr. The Constable's return of the warrant was read by Town Clerk, Lynn M. Sibley. There were 66 voters present.

Article 1. Upon motion made and seconded, it was

Voted that the town transfer from FY07 Free Cash the sum of \$65,000 to be combined with a \$59,987 grant through the Financing the Repair, Renovation and Construction of Municipal Police Stations Grant Program to renovate the Whately Youth Center into a Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister and Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 (3A).

There was one vote against.

Upon motion made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn without date at 7:07 p.m.

A true record,

Attest:

Lynn M. Sibley, CMC, CMMC
Town Clerk

Board of Assessors

The Board inspected eighty homes and businesses during the spring and summer, mostly homes with new growth—renovations, additions, new construction—and those that had sold in the past year. Although the housing market has continued to slide, when land or homes did sell in 2007, the sale prices continued to rise. This was a recertification year which means that we had to work closely with the Department of Revenue to get our values approved before a tax rate could be set and again we worked with Mayflower Valuation Ltd in setting the residential, commercial and land assessment tables. The tax rate decreased to \$14.38 per thousand for fiscal year 2008. Town valuation by class is as follows:

Residential	\$180,077,299
Commercial	18,681,580
Industrial	18,725,900
Personal	<u>4,834,067</u>
Total	\$222,318,846

The assessors' office is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 to 5 o'clock and Tuesday evenings 7 to 9. The Board reminds residents that the assessors will be making inspections Tuesday evenings starting in April 2008 and will continue throughout the summer until the evenings are too dark. During the summer the assessors are back in the office shortly before 9 o'clock. From Christmas until the end of March, the Board meets every other Tuesday evening, although the office is generally open Tuesday evening.

Robert P Bourke, Chairman
Katherine E Fleuriel
Christine H Langford
Cynthia Herbert, Assistant Assessor

8 January 2008

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR							
JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007							
YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED 7/1/2006	TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007
2007	REAL ESTATE	\$2,951,391.11	\$2,863,262.97	\$13,207.80	\$3,506.27	\$5,050.78	\$82,375.83
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$71,376.83	\$68,746.90	\$144.68			\$2,485.25
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$161,865.72	\$150,415.71	\$2,640.94	\$1,227.11		\$10,036.18
	WATER	\$85,361.95	\$83,613.93	\$280.00	\$117.95		\$1,585.97
	FARM ANIMAL, MACH AND EQUIP EXCISE	\$7,162.00	\$7,042.00	\$120.00			\$0.00
2006	REAL ESTATE	\$57,424.00	\$28,897.32			\$3,858.13	\$24,668.55
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$881.64	\$6.79				\$874.85
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$31,761.80	\$28,856.78	\$1,115.31	\$1,045.93		\$2,835.64
	WATER	\$809.20	\$641.55				\$167.65
2005	REAL ESTATE	\$25,109.54	\$17,945.41		\$12.78	\$2,369.19	\$4,807.72
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$228.10					\$228.10
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$4,408.88	\$3,406.88				\$1,002.00
	WATER	\$241.50	\$241.50				\$0.00
2004	REAL ESTATE	\$2,912.40	\$2,893.50			\$18.90	\$0.00
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$2,235.52	\$1,658.65				\$576.87
2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$622.00	\$140.94				\$481.06
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,094.89	\$455.00				\$639.89
2001	PERS. PROP MOTOR VEHICLE	\$760.00 \$233.75					\$760.00 \$233.75
2000	PERS PROP. MOTOR VEHICLE	\$323.67 \$344.38					\$323.67 \$344.38

		REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR						
		JULY 1, 2006 - JUNE 30, 2007						
YEAR	TYPE OF TAX	COMMITTED 7/1/2006	TAX PAID	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX TITLES	OUTSTANDING 6/30/2007	
2007	REAL ESTATE	\$2,961,391.11	\$2,863,262.97	\$13,207.80	\$3,506.27	\$5,050.78	\$82,375.83	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$71,376.83	\$68,746.90	\$144.68			\$2,485.25	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$161,865.72	\$150,415.71	\$2,640.94	\$1,227.11		\$10,036.18	
	WATER	\$85,361.95	\$83,613.93	\$280.00	\$117.95		\$1,585.97	
	FARM ANIMAL, MACH AND EQUIP EXCISE	\$7,162.00	\$7,042.00	\$120.00			\$0.00	
2006	REAL ESTATE	\$57,424.00	\$28,897.32			\$3,858.13	\$24,668.55	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$881.64	\$6.79				\$874.85	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$31,761.80	\$28,856.78	\$1,115.31	\$1,045.93		\$2,835.64	
	WATER	\$809.20	\$641.55				\$167.65	
2005	REAL ESTATE	\$25,109.54	\$17,945.41		\$12.78	\$2,369.19	\$4,807.72	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY	\$228.10					\$228.10	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$4,408.88	\$3,406.88				\$1,002.00	
	WATER	\$241.50	\$241.50				\$0.00	
2004	REAL ESTATE	\$2,912.40	\$2,893.50			\$18.90	\$0.00	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$2,235.52	\$1,658.65				\$576.87	
2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$622.00	\$140.94				\$481.06	
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,094.89	\$455.00				\$639.89	
2001	PERS. PROP. MOTOR VEHICLE	\$760.00 \$233.75					\$760.00 \$233.75	
2000	PERS PROP. MOTOR VEHICLE	\$323.67 \$344.38					\$323.67 \$344.38	

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2003	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$622.00	\$140.94				\$481.06	
2002	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$1,094.89	\$455.00				\$639.89	
2001	PERS. PROP.	\$760.00					\$760.00	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$233.75					\$233.75	
2000	PERS PROP.	\$323.67					\$323.67	
	MOTOR VEHICLE	\$344.38					\$344.38	

**TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT
BANK ACCOUNTS – FY 2007**

BANK	BALANCE 7/1/2006	BALANCE 6/30/2007
BANK OF WESTERN MA		
GENERAL CASH	\$ 230,236.69	\$ 469,975.70
SEPTIC PROGRAM	\$ 15,707.92	\$ 16,041.26
HOWARD HOXIE GARDEN FUND	\$ 3,548.08	\$ 3,560.88
CITIZEN'S BANK		
GENERAL CHECKING	\$ 1,151.05	\$ 1,166.67
BERKSHIRE BANK		
GENERAL FUND	\$ 12,304.29	\$ 7,900.67
SEPTIC/FEE ACCT	\$ 489.22	\$ 513.58
ARTS LOTTERY	\$ 905.92	\$ 951.03
TRUST FUNDS		
MMDT GENERAL REVENUE	\$ 396,036.06	\$ 515,885.47
MMDT (FROM PAGE 2)	\$ 450,232.38	\$ 429,796.03
CHECKS OUTSTANDING	\$ (80,564.46)	\$ (41,912.37)
PETTY CASH	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
DUE TO GENERAL FUND:		\$ 3,407.28
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND:	<u> </u>	<u>\$ (45,000.00)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$1,030,547.15	\$1,362,785.53

TRUST FUNDS

JAMES FILIPKOWSKI MEMORIAL BOOK FUND	\$ 4,964.27
STABILIZATION FUND	\$155,525.06
A/C S. WHITE DICKINSON LIBRARY	\$105,837.45
JOSEPH & JOSIE MAIEWSKI LIBRARY FUND	\$ 3,367.93
BARNARD FUND FBO WHTELY CONG CHURCH	\$ 1,057.84
A/C PAUL F. FIELD LIBRARY	\$ 15,747.42
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE A/C	\$ 66,923.81
S. WHITE DICKINSON AGED PERS FUND	\$ 7,932.62
A/C DAVENPORT POOR & SCHOOL FUND	\$ 2,650.09
ENA CANE MEMORIAL FUND	\$ 7,677.00
AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 132.94
ANNIE C. DANFORTH LIBRARY FUND	\$ 1,005.78
WHATELY GRANGE MONUMENT FUND	\$ 151.33
ALICE RYAN ROBINSON	\$ 3,336.93
DAMON LIBRARY FUND	\$ 10,811.05
KANDSZ LIBRARY FUND	\$ 1,081.12
DUE FROM GENERAL FUND	\$ 45,000.00
DUE TO GENERAL FUND	\$ (3,407.28)
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	\$429,796.03

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Culture and Recreation

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-610-7 Library	\$35,845.00	(\$35,843.83)	\$1.17	0
01-5-630-6 Tri-Town Beach	\$3,850.00	(\$3,750.67)	\$99.33	2
01-5-630-7 Recreation Commission	\$3,600.00	(\$2,775.11)	\$824.89	22
01-5-691-7 Historical Commission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	100
Total	\$43,495.00	(\$42,369.61)	\$1,125.39	

Debt Service

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-710-9 Water Sys.Prin.& Int.	\$112,362.50	(\$112,362.50)	\$0.00	0
01-5-710-9 New School Prin. & Int.	\$284,400.00	(\$284,400.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-710-9 Frontier Bond	\$110,543.00	(\$110,543.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-752-9 Temp. Loan Interest	\$9,312.11	(\$9,312.11)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$516,617.61	(\$516,617.61)	\$0.00	

Education

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-300-7 Whately Elementary School	\$1,233,293.00	(\$1,163,124.55)	\$70,168.45	5
01-5-310-6 Frontier Regional Oper	\$853,243.00	(\$846,163.00)	\$7,080.00	0
01-5-310-6 Frontier Transportation	\$8,983.00	(\$8,983.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-310-6 Frontier District Offices	\$9,204.00	(\$9,204.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-320-6 F.C. Tech School Operation	\$85,853.00	(\$85,853.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-325-0 Smith Vocational Tuition	\$31,000.00	(\$29,719.00)	\$1,281.00	4
Total	\$2,221,576.00	(\$2,143,046.55)	\$78,529.45	

Encumbrances

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-122-7 Selectmen's Office Encumbered	\$1,185.41	(\$886.68)	\$298.73	25
01-5-141-7 Assessor's Encumbered	\$1,050.00	(\$1,050.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-145-7 Tax Takings Encumbered	\$1,850.00	(\$1,850.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-192-0 Police Station Design	\$630.00	(\$570.00)	\$60.00	9
01-5-192-7 Town Bldg Encumbered	\$600.00	(\$540.00)	\$60.00	10

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01-5-300-7 School Exp - Encumbrance	\$77,015.97	(\$75,166.64)	\$1,849.33	2
01-5-422-7 Highway Encumbered	\$2,007.67	(\$1,812.52)	\$195.15	9
01-5-422-7 1-Ton Dump Truck	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	100
Total	\$91,339.05	(\$81,875.84)	\$9,463.21	

General Government

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-114-1 Moderator	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-122-3 Community Calendar	\$353.00	\$0.00	\$353.00	100
01-5-122-7 Selectmen's Office	\$62,715.00	(\$60,836.83)	\$1,878.17	2
01-5-131-7 Finance Committee	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	100
01-5-132-7 Reserve Fund	\$8,232.46	\$0.00	\$8,232.46	100
01-5-135-3 Audit Town Finance	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	100
01-5-135-7 Town Accountant	\$16,524.00	(\$16,524.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-141-7 Assessors	\$26,397.00	(\$26,305.23)	\$91.77	0
01-5-145-7 Town Treasurer	\$36,267.00	(\$35,305.16)	\$961.84	2
01-5-145-7 Tax Takings	\$1,639.43	(\$1,579.43)	\$60.00	3
01-5-146-0 Payroll Preparation	\$2,800.00	(\$2,800.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-149-0 Accounting Software	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-151-3 Legal Counsel	\$7,500.00	(\$4,004.65)	\$3,495.35	46
01-5-161-7 Town Clerk	\$19,910.00	(\$19,888.32)	\$21.68	0
01-5-161-7 Town Clerk - Educ Incentive	\$1,000.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-171-7 Conservation Commission	\$500.00	(\$368.89)	\$131.11	26
01-5-175-7 Planning Board	\$1,885.00	(\$1,520.86)	\$364.14	19
01-5-176-7 Zoning Board of Appeal	\$1,168.00	(\$666.78)	\$501.22	42
01-5-192-7 Town Bldg Operations	\$22,685.00	(\$22,624.53)	\$60.47	0
01-5-192-7 Town Vehicles Fuel	\$25,000.00	(\$22,359.53)	\$2,640.47	10
01-5-193-7 Prop. & Liab. Insurance	\$55,000.00	(\$53,687.00)	\$1,313.00	2

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01-5-195-7 Town Report	\$2,400.00	(\$2,400.00)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$298,225.89	(\$272,971.21)	\$25,254.68	

Human Services

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-510-2 Health Agent	\$11,086.00	(\$11,085.80)	\$0.20	0
01-5-510-7 Board of Health	\$2,255.00	(\$1,959.99)	\$295.01	13
01-5-541-7 Council on Aging	\$3,322.00	(\$3,322.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-543-7 Veteran's Benefits	\$4,327.00	(\$4,327.00)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$20,990.00	(\$20,694.79)	\$295.21	

Intergovernmental Expenses

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-820-6 School Choice	\$58,137.00	(\$64,065.00)	(\$5,928.00)	0
01-5-820-6 Air Poll. Control Dist	\$398.00	(\$398.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-820-6 RMV Non-renewal Fees	\$660.00	(\$940.00)	(\$280.00)	0
01-5-820-6 STRAP Repayment Plan	\$15,000.00	(\$15,000.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-820-6 Regional Transit Author	\$888.00	(\$888.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-999-6 Franklin Reg. Council	\$16,088.33	(\$16,088.34)	(\$0.01)	0
Total	\$91,171.33	(\$97,379.34)	(\$6,208.01)	

Pensions, Insurance & Benefits

	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-911-1 Franklin Retirement	\$82,541.00	(\$82,541.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-912-1 Worker's Comp. Insur	\$12,282.00	(\$12,280.50)	\$1.50	0
01-5-913-1 Unemployment Compensation	\$1,000.00	(\$79.20)	\$920.80	92
01-5-914-1 Employee Health Insurance	\$255,761.55	(\$233,525.01)	\$22,236.54	8
01-5-914-1 Town Share of Medi & Fica	\$16,238.45	(\$16,238.45)	\$0.00	0
01-5-914-1 Life Insurance	\$1,260.00	(\$1,109.52)	\$150.48	11
01-5-915-1 Physicals & Tests	\$750.00	(\$618.00)	\$132.00	17
Total	\$369,833.00	(\$346,391.68)	\$23,441.32	

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<u>Protection of Persons & Property</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-210-2 PD Quinn Bill	\$6,740.00	(\$6,740.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-210-7 Police Department	\$98,425.00	(\$98,253.72)	\$171.28	0
01-5-220-7 Fire	\$29,775.00	(\$29,743.79)	\$31.21	0
01-5-231-1 Ambulance	\$19,230.00	(\$18,433.25)	\$796.75	4
01-5-241-7 Franklin Inspect. Prog	\$35,182.00	(\$35,182.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-249-1 Animal Inspector	\$309.00	(\$309.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-291-7 Emergency Management	\$935.00	(\$857.16)	\$77.84	8
01-5-292-7 Animal Control Officer	\$2,352.00	(\$1,774.67)	\$577.33	24
01-5-294-7 Tree Dept	\$3,600.00	(\$3,600.00)	\$0.00	0
Total	\$196,548.00	(\$194,893.59)	\$1,654.41	
<u>Public Works and Facilities</u>	Budget	Actual	Variance	% Remaining
01-5-422-1 Highway Salaries	\$99,291.00	(\$93,715.30)	\$5,575.70	5
01-5-422-7 General Highway	\$59,031.00	(\$58,943.30)	\$87.70	0
01-5-422-7 Road Machinery	\$17,675.00	(\$17,552.43)	\$122.57	0
01-5-422-7 Garage Maintenance	\$10,045.00	(\$9,988.21)	\$56.79	0
01-5-423-7 Winter Roads	\$83,447.00	(\$73,325.84)	\$10,121.16	12
01-5-431-3 FC Solid Waste District	\$3,684.00	(\$3,684.00)	\$0.00	0
01-5-433-3 Solid Waste Disposal	\$25,500.00	(\$25,355.16)	\$144.84	0
01-5-433-3 Hazardous Waste Collection	\$750.00	(\$660.00)	\$90.00	12
01-5-450-1 Water Dept Salaries	\$22,397.00	(\$22,006.41)	\$390.59	1
01-5-450-7 Water Dept Operations	\$23,000.00	(\$21,985.94)	\$1,014.06	4
Total	\$344,820.00	(\$327,216.59)	\$17,603.41	
Grand Total	\$4,194,615.88	(\$4,043,456.81)	\$151,159.07	

Town of Whately
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2007

<u>ASSETS</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Cash, Petty	300.00	200.00		
Cash, Pooled	711,485.79	263,092.09	387,750.53	1,362,328.41
2007 Personal Property	2,485.22			
2006 Personal Property	874.85			
2005 Personal Property	228.10			
2004 Personal Property	0.00			
Prior Years	1,083.67			
Total Personal Property	4,671.84			
2007 Real Estate	82,375.83			
2006 Real Estate	24,668.52			
2005 Real Estate	4,807.72			
Total Real Estate	111,852.07			
2007 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-3,431.60			
2006 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-1,506.23			
2005 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-2,546.21			
2004 Allow for Abate/Exempt	-3,156.15			
Prior Years	-3,308.50			
Total Allow for Abate/Exempt	-13,948.69			
Tax Liens	34,501.23			
Tax Takings	571.56			
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	10,036.18			
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	2,835.64			
2005 Motor Vehicle Excise	1,002.00			
2004 Motor Vehicle Excise	576.87			
Prior Year	1,699.08			
Total Motor Vehicle Excise	16,149.77			
Water Rates	1,753.62			
Prepaid Expenses	355.91			
Due from General Fund			45,000.00	
Highway Grants Receivable		0.00		
To Be Provided-Long Term Debt				730,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	867,693.10	263,292.09	432,750.53	730,000.00

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<u>LIABILITIES</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Warrants Payable	73,927.75	14,208.17	2,119.20	
Accrued Payroll	35,656.10	3,552.47	672.45	
Abandoned Property (Tailings)	941.41			
Payroll Withholdings	15,501.02			
Def.Rev - Property & RE Tax	102,575.22			
Def.Rev - Tax Liens	34,501.23			
Def.Rev - Motor Vehicle Excise	16,104.02			
Def.Rev.- Tax Possession	571.56			
Def.Rev. Water Rates	1,739.62			
School Building Debt				510,000.00
Water Bond				220,000.00
Due to Stabilization	45,000.00			
Revolving Police			0.00	
Deputy Tax Collector			0.00	
Transfer Station Agency			-37.15	
Ambulance Intercept			200.00	
Town Clerk's Fees			0.00	
Due to State - Fish/Wildlife			0.00	
Due to State - Firearms			0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	326,517.93	17,760.64	2,954.50	730,000.00

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<u>FUND EQUITY</u>	General Fund	Special Revenues	Trust & Agency	Long-Term Debt
Reserve for Encumbrances	66,171.60			
Reserve for Expenditures	150,000.00			
Undesignated Fund Balance	325,003.57			
 Grant/Gift Account Balances		162,395.42		
School Revolving/Grants		43,072.05		
Recreation Revolving		12,526.67		
Library Revolving		388.65		
Public Hearing Revolving		70.78		
Road Machinery Fund		2,077.68		
Sale of Cemetary Lots		10,980.00		
Septic Loan Fund Balance		14,020.20		
 Stabilization			200,525.06	
Expendable Trust			80,323.80	
Non-Expendable Trust			148,947.17	
 TOTAL FUND EQUITY	541,175.17	245,531.45	429,796.03	0.00
 TOTAL LIAB & FUND EQUITY	867,693.10	263,292.09	432,750.53	730,000.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Balance 7/1/07	239,291.49	
FY07 Carryfws	91,339.05	330,630.54
FY08 Carryfws	(66,171.60)	
FY08 Reserve for Expenditures	(150,000.00)	
FY07 Revenue	4,175,001.44	
FY07 Expenditures	(4,043,456.81)	
Transfer from Stabilization	79,000.00	
	325,003.57	

Revolving/Gift Accounts

Cultural Council	1,643.45
Dog Fines Revolving	5,352.05
Wetlands Protection	4,634.11
Barn Preservation	5.00
Master Plan Grant	1,834.72
Strategic Planning Grant	439.47
PEG Capital Fund	3,753.15
PEG Access Payment Fund	18,612.53
Yankee Candle Donation	1,016.14
DARE Grant	692.52
Community Policing Grant	27,954.57
DWI Speeding Grant	-244.58
Cruiser Fees for Details	97.19
Law Enforcement Trust	86.38
Firefighter Safety Grant	349.55
Fire Equipment Grant	3,882.20
2005 Storm Damage Grant	65,214.72
Fire Dept. Donations	456.03
Cemetery Donation	1,000.00
Insurance Proceeds	608.73
Council on Aging	0.00
MRF Mini Grant	930.76
CDAG Fund Balance	181.74
Div of Medical Assistance	9,920.64
Hoxie Garden Gift	3,560.87
Library Incentive Grant	3,552.93
Municipal Equalization Grant	4,483.70
Non-resident Circulation	1,338.45
Library Lions Club Donations	162.37
Library Donations	581.75
Summer Reading Program	294.28
TOTAL	162,395.42

School Revolving/Grants

FB State Circuit Breaker	9,523.02
FB School Choice Revolving	14,363.86
FB REAP Program	385.58
Sped Assist Grant	(2,480.32)
PTO Donation Library	7.00
21st CCLC Grant-After School	-
After School Program	8,454.31
Early Childhood Tuition	11,795.12
Damaged School Books	546.35
School Building Use	42.58
Blazer Wish List	7.94
FB Perfidio Library	64.95
FB DeGregorio Donation	350.00
Orloski Library Donation	55.71
Helstowski Donations	60.24
Nature's Classroom	1,517.00
Dog Fund - School	347.69
Playground Fund	312.50
Palmer Fortune Donation Acct	200.00
School Lunch	(1,920.78)
Full Day Kindergarten	(635.70)
Walmart Gift	500.00
Exxon Gift Account	500.00
Grant Funded Teacher Stipends	(925.00)

43,072.05

Carry Fwd Appropriations:

Account	Acct #	Balance	Amount
1-Ton Dump Truck	01-5-422-790	7,000.00	7,000.00
Water Operations	01-5-450-780	1,014.06	500.00
Whately Elementary	01-5-300-780	70,168.45	53,451.60
Police Station Design	01-5-192-003	60.00	60.00
Tax Titles	01-5-145-781	160.00	160.00
Audit	01-5-135-300	5,000.00	5,000.00
			66,171.60

Undesignated 325,003.57

R/E Receivable	-111,852.07
P/P Receivable	-4,671.84
M/V Excise	-16,149.77
Water & Other A/R	-1,753.62

School Lunch	(1,920.78)
Full Day Kindergarten	(635.70)
Transfer Station Revolving	(37.15)
DWI Speeding Grant	(244.58)
SPED Assist	(2,480.32)
Grant Funded Teacher Stipend	(925.00)

Cash Variance	-42.88
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Deferred Revenue	120,418.86
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304,708.72

Expendable Trusts

Barnard Church	57.84
Davenport School	2,450.09
Whately Grange	101.33
Ambulance Replacement	132.94
Cemetary Trust	17,345.67
Filipkowski Trust	4,964.27
Dickinson Library	30,837.45
Annie Danforth	549.47
J & J Maiewski	2,285.98
Paul Field	10,731.54
Robinson Trust	256.93
S W Dickinson	2,932.62
Ena Cane	7,677.00
Vietnam Vets	0.67

80,323.80

Non-Expendable Trusts

Barnard Church	1,000.00
Davenport School	200.00
Whately Grange	50.00
Cemetary Trust	46,325.00
Damon Library	10,811.05
Kandsz Library	1,081.12
Dickinson Library	75,000.00
Annie Danforth	400.00
J & J Maiewski	1,000.00
Paul Field	5,000.00
Robinson Trust	3,080.00
S W Dickinson	5,000.00

148,947.17



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CENTRAL FRANKLIN COUNTY DISTRICT

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LEO J. PARENT, JR.
Veterans' Agent & Director

JODY WALLENIOUS-DUDA
Administrative Assistant

Dear Veterans' Town of Whately:

Heating Assistance for Veterans

With the high cost of heating fuel, the House and Senate has passed legislation that would provide an increase in fuel assistance to those receiving Chapter 115 Benefits. This bill requires an additional \$3.9 million annually, ensuring for the first time that fuel benefits for veterans and their dependents have a statutory minimum level instead of a discretionary annual review.

Increased Burial Benefits for Indigent Veterans

The House & Senate bill honors our veterans by increasing the existing Burial Benefits for Indigent veterans from \$ 2,000 to \$5,000, and from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for the cost of funeral and burial for indigent veterans.

Welcome Home Bonus Information

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Chapter 130 Acts of 2005: Six months domicile in Massachusetts immediately prior to latest enlistment/commission into the Armed forces.
2. For active service on or after September 11, 2001
3. Discharged/Active Service must be under Honorable conditions

Payment Information:

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| 1. Active service in Afghanistan or Iraq: | \$1000.00 |
| 2. Six months or more active service, state side or outside the continental limits of the United States. | \$500.00 |

*Active service shall not include active duty for training in the Army National Guard, Air National Guard, those in the Naval Academy or active Duty for training as a reservist in the armed forces of the United States

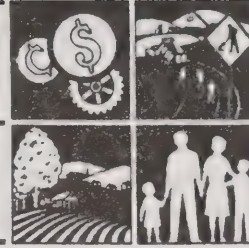
Sincerely,
Leo J. Parent, Jr
Director

Member Towns:

Ashfield • Bernardston • Buckland • Charlemont • Colrain • Conway • Deerfield • Erving • Gill • Hawley • Heath • Leverett
Montague • Monroe • New Salem • Northfield • Orange • Plainfield • Shelburne • Shutesbury • Sunderland
Warwick • Wendell • Whately

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2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to submit this annual report for calendar year 2007. As the regional planning agency and governmental membership organization serving the twenty-six towns of Franklin County, we provide a broad array of planning, advocacy, and community services, as well as assessment-based programs serving municipal needs. The FRCOG and the region accomplished an enormous amount in 2007.

After years of advocacy on the part of the FRCOG and our partners, Pioneer Valley Connect and Berkshire Connect, Governor Patrick announced in August a **\$25 Million Broadband Investment Fund** to bring broadband to the **31 unserved** and the additional under-served communities in Western Massachusetts.

FRCOG Planning staff worked with **twelve towns** on zoning revisions and other planning technical assistance and completed Commonwealth Capital Applications, a required smart growth assessment for MA grant eligibility, for **four towns**.

The Community Coalition for Teens, as co-sponsor of the Communities That Care Coalition, was **named national "Coalition of the Year"** by the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America for its work with schools and youth to reduce teen alcohol and tobacco use and abuse. A 4-year comparison of use as reported by 10th graders in the annual Teen Health Survey shows: **a 25% reduction in alcohol use, a 19% reduction in cigarette smoking, and a 35% reduction in marijuana use.**

The FRCOG's Public Health Preparedness Planners helped local Boards of Health continue to refine their Emergency Dispensing Site procedures, which prepare for the possibility of a mass vaccination or mass prophylaxis during a large-scale health crisis. **Eleven towns conducted flu clinic drills in the past year, with over 1,000 people vaccinated.**

After years of FRCOG advocacy, planning and cobbling of resources, the Erving Papermill realignment project on Route 2 and portions of the Franklin County Bikeway were completed and opened for the traveling public.

In 2007 the FRCOG and the Franklin Regional Transit Authority continued work on the creation of a **Regional Transit Center** in Greenfield. With the help of funding from Congressman Olver, the Environmental Assessment was completed and work on site acquisition began.

For the past three years, the FRCOG has managed and overseen the expenditure of more than **\$12 million of Homeland Security federal funding** on behalf of all of western Massachusetts, including \$63,000 approved for **reimbursement for training overtime/backfill** for Franklin County first responders.

With the help of the FRCOG, the Western Regional Homeland Security Council invested over **\$800,000** in the **Franklin County Emergency Communications System** for interoperable communications improvements which enhanced emergency communication ability for all Franklin County communities.

The FRCOG completed the **Pioneer Valley Clean Energy Plan** in collaboration with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, to help our region decrease energy consumption, reduce greenhouse gasses, and increase the supply of renewable energy resources. View the plan on our website.

The FRCOG Brownfields Program conducted environmental site assessment work on **8 properties in 6 Franklin County towns**, providing over **\$40,114 of professional engineering services**.

The Municipal Accounting Program now serves **6 Franklin County towns and 1 Hampshire County town**. The program offers all participating communities secure backup and **24-7** remote access to their accounts.

26 Franklin County towns and 9 other entities participated in group bids through the Cooperative Purchasing Program, including **fuel oil, highway materials, and dog tags and licenses**.

The Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program provided building, plumbing, and electrical inspection services to **17 towns**. The FCCIP issued a total of **1022 building permits, 565 wiring permits and 588 plumbing permits totaling \$355,679 in permit fees** for participating towns. The FCCIP also hosted a training for **more than a hundred** local contractors about the new Building Code in effect for 1-2 family homes.

At the request of our member municipalities, a **regional Information Technology Consultant** was procured for **14 Franklin County towns**. **Regional engineering services** were also procured at a discount rate for member towns. Stantec Consulting is the winning provider.

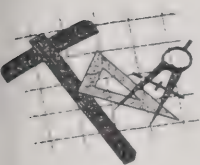
The Regional Health Inspection Program provided **professional assistance in food and housing inspection and septic system reviews** to 8 Franklin County towns.

The FRCOG sponsored **dozens of training events for local officials**, including sessions on: incident command systems, select board essentials, infectious disease surveillance, alternative septic systems, energy savings, and how to hold public hearings.

In fiscal year 2008 the FRCOG total budget is estimated at **\$10,705,170**, of which **\$7,173,171** was spent on capital projects (primarily in Homeland Security funding), leaving a net operating budget of **\$3,531,999** that is being used to provide services to the region and all Franklin County towns.

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is committed to providing the best possible service to its member towns and to the region. Working together, the towns and the FRCOG are a small region with a big voice! For additional details about FRCOG programs, projects, and services please contact us for our full 2007 Annual Report at 413-744-3167 ext. 100 or visit us at **www.frcog.org**.

Linda Dunlavy, Executive Director
Franklin Regional Council of Governments



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ANNUAL REPORT Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program Building Dept. FISCAL YEAR 2007

Dear Member Town:

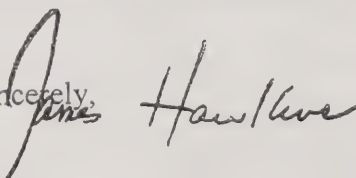
Thank you for your continued participation in the FCCIP. This letter and the enclosed report provide a summary of our program's activity in 2007.

Fiscal Year 2007 showed further decline in dwelling units constructed. The number of dwelling units for all towns was 58, the lowest since 1980. However, permit values were up, totaling \$37,327,030, thanks in large measure to the large commercial projects under way on the campus of Northfield Mt. Hermon School in Gill. Fees collected were \$222,293, also an increase from 2006.

Total number of permits issued remained steady at 1,022, which means renovation work and accessory structures under construction are off-setting the decline in new housing. The number of permits issued in each town remained up, with Shutesbury and Bernardston showing the largest increase. The following towns have permit caps on the number of new dwelling units allowed per year:

<u>Town</u>	<u>Allowed in Calendar. Yr.</u>	<u>Actually Built In Calendar Yr.</u>
Erving	12	4
Heath	6	2
Leverett	10	6
Shutesbury	8	4
Whately	10	3

A major change for the program this year was the implementation of the new 7th Edition of the Mass. Bldg. Code. As a service to all the member towns and builders, we presented a workshop on the proposed changes. Our newsletter is sent to all member towns and builders. If you wish to have a copy, please contact this office.

Sincerely,


James D. Hawkins
Inspector of Buildings

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Member Towns:

Ashfield	Conway	Heath	Shelburne
Bernardston	Erving	Leverett	Shutesbury
Buckland	Gill	Leyden	Whately
Charlemont	Hawley	Rowe	



**Franklin County Cooperative Inspection
Fiscal Year Report for Building Permits**

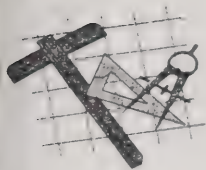
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TOWN	PERMITS	VALUE	DWELL UNITS*	PERMIT FEES	CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY	CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION**	C.I. FEES	OTHER FEES	TOTAL
Ashfield	85	2,951,742	5	17,972.00	23	12	356.00	40.00	18,368.00
Bernardston	114	2,764,794	7	17,829.00	25	15	441.00	183.00	18,453.00
Buckland	95	1,264,748	2	8,168.00	29	15	409.00	302.00	8,879.00
Charlemont	69	1,727,397	4	11,219.00	19	25	781.00	195.00	12,195.00
Conway	81	3,081,156	7	17,023.00	32	7	145.00	70.00	17,238.00
Erving	78	1,732,174	3	11,108.00	18	13	276.00	65.00	11,449.00
Gill	72	10,310,669	4	48,682.00	20	27	796.00	195.00	49,673.00
Hawley	27	457,006	2	3,007.00	4	1	40.00	40.00	3,087.00
Heath	51	1,448,732	2	9,050.00	8	2	0.00	0.00	9,050.00
Leverett	72	2,757,889	9	16,912.00	21	6	80.00	40.00	17,032.00
Leyden	41	849,846	1	5,448.00	22	2	35.00	0.00	5,483.00
Shelburne	88	2,781,538	5	16,996.00	24	31	876.00	195.00	18,067.00
Shutesbury	74	2,169,577	4	14,022.00	24	6	110.00	0.00	14,132.00
Whately	75	3,029,762	3	18,901.00	27	14	246.00	40.00	19,187.00
TOTALS	1022	37,327,030	58	216,337.00	296	176	4,591.00	1,365.00	222,293.00

*2-Family and Multi-dwellings are issued only one permit per building.

**These figures reflect only those inspections which receive Certificates, but for various reasons no Certificates are issued.

"Other Fees" reflect reinspections and duplication of permits and C.O.'s "



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE WIRING INSPECTION PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2007

Dear Member Town,

We had another busy year for electrical inspections. I would like to take this opportunity remind you of a few important points:

- Electrical work is to be done by a Massachusetts Licensed Electrician.
- A permit is required for most work.
- You have a right to ask to see an electrician's license.
- Work done on any building may not be covered by your insurance if it is not inspected by this office.

On the next page is a report for Fiscal Year 2007 which reflects Wiring permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected by the program each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY	2003	597	44,961.00
	2004	629	51,460.00
	2005	570	54,589.00
	2006	591	62,267.00
	2007	565	70,363.00

If you have any questions I can be reached during normal office hours on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 7AM-9AM at 772-2026, ext 126 or by email at electric@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under the Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Sincerely,

James Slowinski
Electrical Inspector

JS/cb

Member Towns:

Ashfield	Conway	Heath	Shelburne
Barnardston	Erving	Leverett	Shutesbury
Buckland	Gill	Leyden	Whately
Charlemont	Hawley	Rowe	

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**Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program
Wiring Inspector**

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FISCAL YEAR REPORT

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS:

Towns	Reinspection Fees	Permits	Amount
Ashfield	50.00	52	5,295.00
Bernardston	0.00	67	6,570.00
Buckland	100.00	61	6,470.00
Charlemont	0.00	38	3,335.00
Conway	0.00	60	5,823.00
Erving	0.00	37	3,110.00
Gill	5,100.00	30	8,935.00
Hawley	0.00	11	775.00
Heath	0.00	20	2,210.00
Leverett	50.00	50	5,300.00
Leyden	0.00	0	0.00
Monroe	0.00	0	0.00
Northfield	0.00	0	0.00
Rowe	0.00	17	1,995.00
Shelburne	0.00	62	6,925.00
Shutesbury	0.00	0	0.00
Wendell	0.00	0	0.00
Whately	0.00	60	8,320.00
TOTAL:	5,300.00	565	65,063.00

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED 70,363.00

James Slowinski
Wiring Inspector



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ANNUAL REPORT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY COOPERATIVE PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTION PROGRAM FISCAL YEAR 2007

Dear Member Town:

On the next page is a report for Fiscal Year 2007 which reflects Plumbing/Gas permits and fee activity for all member towns. For more information on activity in your town, please contact the office. A review of the number of permits and fees collected each fiscal year for the last 5 years shows the following:

FY	2003	589	43,580.00
	2004	574	44,436.00
	2005	627	54,968.00
	2006	552	53,033.00
	2007	588	63,023.00

I would like to take this opportunity to remind town residents that plumbing permits are required for installation and repairs with the following exception, "*A permit is not required for plumbing involving the repair of leaks in a faucet, valve, or other working part of a plumbing fixture, or the clearance of a stoppage*". Permits shall only be issued to licensed plumbers. You can contact me during office hours on Tuesday & Thursday mornings 7a.m.-9a.m. at 772-2026, ext. 125 or email me at plumbing@frcog.org. You will find permits, fee schedules, and helpful information on our web site at www.frcog.org, under Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program.

Once again, I would like to extend my appreciation to all town officials for your cooperation and assistance during the past year.

Sincerely,

Andrew French
Plumb/Gas Inspector

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Member Towns:

Ashfield Conway Heath Shelburne
Bernardston Erving Leverett Shutesbury
Buckland Gill Leyden Whately
Charlemont Hawley Rowe

01/29/2008

Franklin County Cooperative Inspection Program
Plumbing/Gas Inspector

07/01/2006 - 06/30/2007

FISCAL YEAR REPORT

PERMIT FEE RECEIPTS FROM TOWNS:

Towns	Reinspection Fees	Permits	Amount
Ashfield	0.00	62	6,195.00
Bernardston	0.00	42	5,150.00
Buckland	30.00	68	7,420.00
Charlemont	0.00	33	3,305.00
Conway	15.00	75	7,725.00
Erving	45.00	29	2,910.00
Gill	0.00	33	4,210.00
Hawley	0.00	11	870.00
Heath	10.00	32	3,555.00
Leverett	10.00	74	7,105.00
Leyden	0.00	13	1,110.00
Monroe	0.00	0	0.00
Northfield	0.00	0	0.00
Rowe	0.00	7	1,070.00
Shelburne	10.00	72	7,845.00
Shutesbury	0.00	0	0.00
Wendell	0.00	0	0.00
Whately	10.00	37	4,423.00
TOTAL:	130.00	588	62,893.00

TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED

63,023.00

Andrew French
Plumbing & Gas Inspector

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Comments About the Warrant

Attached is an informational warrant. The Final warrant will be posted at the Town Hall, Post Office, Library and Center School Offices on the evening of April 18th. It is unlikely that there will be any major changes to this informational warrant. This warrant presents a worst case scenario for our budget. We are still unsure of our State Aid figures and it is the Finance Committee and Selectmen's recommendation that monetary articles be postponed to a reconvened session of town meeting in June when the State's budget should be finalized. The most additional aid we can expect is about \$60,000. Presently our budget shortfall as noted in the Finance Committee report is \$240,000. This means that even with some additional state aid our budget will still be \$180,000 out of balance.

The Operating Budget appears under Article 7. Included in this budget is one column that is titled FY07 Non-contingent Appropriations. This is the amount that we can afford to fund without an override. The FY07 Contingent Appropriations column indicates those departmental budgets or portions of budgets that will require an override vote for funding. The override vote has not been scheduled as of yet.

At town meeting an additional handout will be available to show what cuts each department will make if the override does not pass. This handout will also show approximately how much it will raise the tax rate to fund each department's override amount.

Although the budget will not be taken up until June, we hope that you will all still come to Town Meeting on April 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Whately Elementary School to vote on some housekeeping issues along with the Aquifer Protection Bylaw, Amateur Radio Bylaw and the Right to Farm Bylaw. These are also very important to the future of the Town of Whately. An article on the warrant also addresses a debt exclusion vote for the conversion of the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station. A presentation will be made on this important project. Childcare will be available for the evening and we encourage everyone to attend.

The map for the aquifer protection district can be viewed at the Post Office, Library and Center School Offices.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 665-4400.

Lynn Sibley
Town Administrator

**Town of Whately
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
April 25, 2006**

INFORMATIONAL WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the **Whately Elementary School, 273 Long Plain Road** in **Whately** on **Tuesday, the twenty fifth day of April** next, at **seven o'clock in the afternoon**, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept the Annual Reports of the officers of the Town, and to hear any other reports of the Boards and Committees, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2006, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to enter into compensating balance agreements with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2007, as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to apply for, accept, and expend any federal, state or private grant monies on behalf of the Town and authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 s. 53 E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend Fund	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY2007 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY06 Fund Balance	Spending Restrictions or Comments
Dog Licensing and Control Revolving Fund	Town Clerk Animal Control Officer	Dog license fees, fines and late charges	Any lawful expense related to dog licensing, animal control officer operating expenses, or any expense related to the implementation of the town's Dog Control By-law	\$1,000	\$1,000 of balance available for expenditure, remainder to revert to General Fund	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Recreation Revolving Fund	Recreation Commission by majority vote of its membership	Sports program registration fees, building and park rental fees, donations and proceeds from fund-raisers	Any lawful expense related to the activities, programs, and facilities operated by the Recreation Commission	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Library Revolving Fund	Trustees of S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library, by majority vote of its membership	Fees from overdue books and videos and fees from copy machine use	Any lawful expense associated with the activities and programs of the S. W. Dickinson Memorial Library	\$1,000	Balance available for expenditure	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Public Hearings Revolving Fund	Town Clerk	Fees for costs of public hearings	Costs related to hearings: advertising, recording fees, and other expenses	\$2500	Balance available for expenditure.	Funds may not be spent for the salaries of any full-time employees
Total Spending:				\$14,500		

Article 6: To see if the Town will fix the salaries or compensation of the elected officers of the town for Fiscal Year 2007 as follows in the column captioned "FY 07 Non-Contingent Salary" and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Salary" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of Proposition 2 ½ referendum questions for each of the departments under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C or take any other action relative thereto..

	<u>FY07 Non- Contingent Salary</u>	<u>FY07 Contingent Salary</u>
Moderator	\$100	
Selectmen - Chair	0	\$1,525
Members	0	\$1,400
Town Clerk	\$13,709	
Assessors - Chair	\$1,525	
Members	\$1,400	
Water Commissioners		\$600
School Committee	\$300	
Elector: Oliver Smith Will	\$10	
Board of Health - Chair		\$725
Members		\$600
Constables	\$11.33/hour	
Cemetery Commissioners - Sextons	\$10.28/hour	
Opening Graves Fee	\$400/grave	

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

Article 7: To act on the report of the Finance Committee on the Fiscal Year 2007 budget and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, money for the operation of the town's departments and the payment of debt service and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2007 Budget

The Finance Committee recommends that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations" be raised or appropriated or transferred from available funds for FY07 department operating purposes, debt service and other town expenses, and that the amounts shown in the column captioned "FY07 Contingent Appropriations" be appropriated from the tax levy contingent upon the passage of Proposition 2 ½ referendum questions under General Laws Chapter 59 Section 21C.

*Recommended by Selectmen
Recommended by Finance Committee*

FY07 Omnibus Budget

	FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA	FY07 Requests	FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund	FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations	FY07 Contingent Appropriations
<u>Gen. Govt.</u>					
Selectmen's Office	\$64,711.00	63,000.00	63,000.00	52,675.00	10325
Legal Counsel	\$7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00	2500
Audit	\$5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Town Report	\$2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00	2400
Town Bldg. Oper.	\$18,900.00	22,046.00	18,900.00	18,900.00	
Town Clerk	\$19,910.00	19,910.00	19,910.00	19,910.00	
Town Accountant	\$15,750.00	16,524.00	16,254.00	16,254.00	
Account./Payroll software	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Payroll Preparation		2,800.00	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Acct Software Conversion		4,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Treasurer/Collector	\$36,267.00	37,431.08	36,267.00	36,267.00	
Tax Takings	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Assessors(including reval.)	\$26,397.00	27,735.00	26,397.00	26,397.00	
Planning Board	\$1,885.00	1,885.00	1,885.00	1,885.00	
Zoning Bd. Appeals	\$1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00	1,168.00	
Finance Comm.	\$150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	
Moderator	\$100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	
Cons. Comm.	\$500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	
Historical Comm.	\$200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
Comm. Calendar	\$343.00	353.00	353.00	353.00	
Sub-Total:	\$203,181.00	\$214,702.08	207,784.00	192,559.00	15,225.00
<u>Cult., Rec., Serv.</u>					
Tri-Town Beach	\$3,850.00	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00	3850
Recreation Comm.	\$5,500.00	4,900.00	3,600.00	0.00	3600
Cemetery Comm.	\$5,620.00	5,620.00	5,620.00	0.00	5620
Library	\$35,644.00	36,342.00	35,644.00	2,000.00	33644
Council on Aging	\$2,822.00	3,322.00	3,322.00	3,322.00	
Veterans	\$3,615.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	4,327.00	
Sub-Total:	\$57,051.00	\$58,361.00	56,363.00	9,649.00	46,714.00
<u>Public Health</u>					
Board of Health	\$2,255.00	2,255.00	2,255.00	308.00	1947
Health Agent	\$14,874.00	13,286.00	13,286.00	13,286.00	
Solid Waste Disp.	\$25,500.00	28,100.00	25,500.00	24,500.00	1000
Hazardous Waste	\$500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
FC Waste Dist.	\$3,531.00	3,684.00	3,684.00	3,684.00	
Sub-Total:	\$46,660.00	\$48,075.00	45,475.00	42,528.00	2,947.00

FY07 Omnibus Budget

	FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA	FY07 Requests	FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund	FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations	FY07 Contingent Appropriations
Public Safety					
Fire	\$29,775.00	34,289.00	29,775.00	26,798.00	2977
Ambulance	\$19,230.00	22,140.00	19,230.00	17,307.00	1923
Police	\$97,896.00	98,814.00	97,896.00	83,896.00	14000
Quinn Bill Incentive	\$6,740.00	6,740.00	6,740.00	6,740.00	
Animal Control	\$2,352.00	2,352.00	2,352.00	2,117.00	235
Animal Inspection	\$309.00	409.00	309.00	309.00	
Emergency Mgt.	\$935.00	935.00	935.00	935.00	
FC Inspection Prog.	\$32,332.00	35,182.00	35,182.00	35,182.00	
Sub-Total:	\$189,569.00	\$200,861.00	192,419.00	173,284.00	19,135.00
Public Works					
Highway Dept.					
Salaries	\$102,934.00	103,641.00	103,641.00		
Gen. Highways	\$59,031.00	66,005.00	59,031.00		
Winter Roads	\$82,063.00	95,477.00	83,447.00		
Road Machinery	\$17,675.00	17,675.00	17,675.00		
Garage Maint.	\$5,695.00	5,820.00	5,695.00		
Trees	\$3,600.00	6,050.00	3,600.00		
Adjustment to Highway					
Sub-Total:	\$270,998.00	\$294,668.00	273,089.00	245,781.00	27308
Water Dept.					
Salaries	\$22,397.00	22,397.00	22,397.00	20,570.00	1827
Operations	\$23,000.00	24,300.00	23,000.00	20,700.00	2300
Sub-Total:	\$45,397.00	46,697.00	45,397.00	41,270.00	4,127.00
Sub-Total:	\$316,395.00	\$341,365.00	\$318,486.00	\$287,051.00	\$31,435.00
Ins. & Benefits					
Prop. & Liab. Ins.	\$45,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	
Emp. Health Ins.	\$231,000.00	266,000.00	266,000.00	266,000.00	
Medicare & Soc. Sec.	\$14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	
Workers Comp. Ins.	\$10,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	
Life	\$1,200.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Unemp. Ins.	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Retirement	\$87,374.00	82,541.00	82,541.00	82,541.00	
Sub-Total:	\$389,574.00	\$431,801.00	431,801.00	431,801.00	

FY07 Omnibus Budget

	FY06 Budgets Including FY06COLA	FY07 Requests	FY07 Fin. Comm. Recommendations Level Fund	FY07 Non-Contingent Appropriations	FY07 Contingent Appropriations
<u>Unclassified</u>					
Temp. Loan Int.	\$3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Reserve Fund	\$20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
Stabilization Fund					
FR Council of Govt.	\$14,147.00	16,083.33	16,083.33	16,083.33	
Physicals & Tests	\$750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	
Town Vehicles Fuel	\$17,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	5000
Vaccinations					
Educational Incentives(T.Clerk)	\$1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<u>Proposed 2% COLA</u>					
3% COLA	\$959.00	0.00	0.00		
Recommended raises					
Sub-Total:	\$56,856.00	\$65,833.33	65,833.33	60,833.33	5,000.00
Total Town Govt.:	\$1,259,286.00	\$1,360,998.41	1,318,161.33	1,197,705.33	120,456.00
<u>Schools</u>					
<u>Elementary</u>					
Operating					
Transportation					
Fixed Assets					
Sub-Total:	\$1,179,484.00	1,247,503.00	1,233,293.00	1,113,293.00	120000
<u>Frontier</u>					
Operating	\$822,952.00	853,243.00	853,243.00	853,243.00	
Exist. Cap. Costs					
Transportation	\$11,413.00	8,983.00	8,983.00	8,983.00	
Sub-Total:	\$834,365.00	\$862,226.00	862,226.00	862,226.00	
<u>FC Technical</u>					
Operating	\$104,713.00	85,853.00	85,353.00	85,353.00	
Other	\$2,924.00	0.00	0.00		
Sub-total:	\$107,637.00	\$85,853.00	85,353.00	85,353.00	
Smith Vocational Tuition	\$16,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	31,000.00	
Total Schools:	\$2,137,486.00	\$2,226,582.00	2,211,872.00	2,091,872.00	120,000.00
Total Town & Sch:	\$3,396,772.00	\$3,587,580.41	3,530,033.33	3,289,577.33	240,456.00
<u>Long term-Debt</u>					
Water System Bond	\$109,800.00	112,362.50	112,362.50	112,362.50	
Whately Elem. School Bond	\$296,025.00	284,400.00	284,400.00	284,400.00	
Frontier Bond	\$118,068.00	110,543.00	110,543.00	110,543.00	
Frontier Athletic Fields					
Fire Truck	\$46,310.00	0.00			
Sub-Total:	\$570,203.00	507,305.50	507,305.50	507,305.50	
Total Operating Budget	\$3,966,975.00	\$4,094,885.91	4,037,338.83	3,796,882.83	240,456.00

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$50,000** from the Town Hall Renovation Design account towards funding the FY07 Omnibus budget or take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by Finance Committee

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of **\$9,204** for its share of renovations of the former East Whately Elementary School, currently the offices of the Frontier Regional School District, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(This article is proposed by the Frontier Regional School District: three of the four member towns must approve this article in order for this project to proceed).

Recommended by Finance Committee

Recommended by Selectmen

Article 10: To see if the town will vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by inserting the following Aquifer Protection District bylaw and associated map as section 171-28.4 or take any other action relative thereto.

171-28.4 AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Aquifer Protection District is:

- to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of the community by ensuring an adequate quality and quantity of drinking water for the residents, institutions and businesses of the Town of Whately;
- to protect existing and potential groundwater supplies and recharge areas, particularly those areas that contribute to the public water supplies;
- to conserve the natural resources of the Town of Whately; and
- to prevent temporary and permanent contamination of the environment.

B. AUTHORITY

The Aquifer Protection District is an overlay district superimposed on the underlying zoning districts. This overlay district by-law applies to all new construction, reconstruction, or expansion of existing buildings, parking areas, and new or expanded uses. Applicable activities or uses within a portion the Aquifer Protection District must comply with the requirements of this district, as well as with the underlying zoning. Uses prohibited in the underlying zoning districts are not permitted in the Aquifer Protection District.

C. CRITERIA DEFINING THE AREAS WITHIN THE AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

For the purposes of this district, there are hereby established within the Town, four (4) Aquifer Protection District Areas, consisting of Zone I, Zone II, Zone III, and an Interim Wellhead Protection Area. The criteria used to delineate these areas are set forth in the

Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations, 310 CMR 22.02, and are described in the Source Water Assessment Program Reports prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the Whately Water District (January 14, 2002) and the Whately Water Department (November 27, 2002).

1. Zone I – The protective radius around a public water supply well that should be owned or controlled by the water supplier. For the two (2) Water District wells, the protective radius is 245 feet around each well. For the two (2) Water Department wells, the protective radius is 400 feet around each well.
2. Zone II – The area of an aquifer which contributes water to a well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days of pumping at approved yield, with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till or bedrock. In some cases, streams or lakes may act as recharge boundaries. In all cases, Zone II shall extend upgradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries (a groundwater flow divide, a contact with till or bedrock, or a recharge boundary).
3. Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) – The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection established an Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA) for each of the Whately Water District Wells. The IWPA is a circle around each well that has a radius of 605 feet.
4. Zone III – Means that land area beyond the area of Zone II and the IWPA from which surface water and groundwater drain into Zone II and the IWPA. The surface drainage area as determined by topography is commonly coincident with the groundwater drainage area and will be used to delineate Zone III. In some locations, where surface and groundwater drainage are not coincident, Zone III shall consist of both the surface drainage and the groundwater drainage areas.

D. AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT AREA BOUNDARIES

1. Aquifer Map
The boundaries of the Aquifer Protection District are shown on the “Whately Zoning Map – Aquifer Protection District Areas” dated xxxxx, as amended by Town Meeting. Said map is hereby made a part of this Zoning Bylaw.
2. Location of Building Lots
If any portion of a proposed building lot lies within an Aquifer Protection District Area, then the lot is subject to the regulations of the Aquifer Protection District Area in which it is located.
3. District Boundary Disputes
If the location of the District boundary in relation to a particular parcel is in doubt, resolution of boundary disputes shall be through a Special Permit application to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Any application for a special permit for this purpose shall be accompanied by adequate documentation.

The burden of proof shall be upon the owner(s) of the land to demonstrate where the location of the district boundary is with respect to their parcel(s) of land when the location of the district boundary is disputed. At the request of the owner(s), the Town of Whately may engage a professional engineer, hydrologist, geologist, or soil scientist to determine more accurately the boundaries of the district with respect to individual parcels of land. The Town may charge the owner(s) for reasonable costs for the investigation.

E. PROHIBITED USES

The following uses are prohibited within the Aquifer Protection District:

1. In Zone 1, all uses are prohibited except structures and uses necessary to extract groundwater for the purpose of providing a public water supply. The disposal of liquid or leachable wastes or the discharge of any seepage waste within Zone 1 is prohibited.
2. The following uses are prohibited within Zone I, Zone II, Zone III and the Interim Wellhead Protection Area (IWPA):
 - (a) **landfills, stump dumps, and open dumps as defined in 310 CMR 19.006 and **landfills receiving only wastewater and/or septage residuals including those approved by the Department pursuant to M.G.L.c. 21, §26 through §53; M.G.L.c. 111, §17; M.G.L. c. 83, §6 and §7, and regulations promulgated thereunder;****
 - (b) **storage of sludge and septage, unless such storage is in compliance with 310 CMR 32.30 and 310 CMR 32.31;**
 - (c) **any floor drainage system that discharges to the ground;**
 - (d) ***manufacture and production of paving, roofing, and other construction materials using petroleum-based coatings and/or preserving materials;***
 - (e) ***airports, heliopads, truck and bus terminals or stations;***
 - (f) storage of sodium chloride, chemically treated abrasives and other deicing chemicals, except quantities necessary for normal household use, unless such storage, including loading areas, is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
 - (g) automobile graveyards and junkyards, as defined in M.G.L.c. 140B, §1;
 - (h) facilities that generate, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste that are subject to M.G.L.c. 21C and 310 CMR 30.00, except for:
 - (1) very small quantity generators as defined under 310 CMR 30.000;
 - (2) household hazardous waste centers and events under 310 CMR 30.390;
 - (3) waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. c. 21, §52A;
 - (4) water remediation treatment works approved by DEP for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters;
 - (i) petroleum, fuel oil, and heating oil bulk stations and terminals including, but not limited to, those listed under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 5983 and 5171, not including liquefied petroleum gas.
 - (j) storage of liquid hazardous materials, as defined in M.G.L.c. 21E, and/or liquid petroleum products unless such storage is:
 - (1) above ground level, and;
 - (2) on an impervious surface, and
 - (3) either
 - (i) in container(s) or above ground tank(s) within a building, or
 - (ii) outdoors in covered container(s) or above ground tank(s) in an area that has a containment system designed and operated to

hold either 10% of the total possible storage capacity of all containers, or 110% of the largest container's storage capacity, whichever is greater;

- (k) hairdressing and beauty salons;
- (l) discharge to the ground of non-sanitary wastewater including industrial and commercial process waste water, except:
 - (1) the replacement or repair of an existing treatment works that will not result in a design capacity greater than the design capacity of the existing treatment works;
 - (2) treatment works approved by the Department designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface water and operating in compliance with 314 CMR 5.05(3) or 5.05(13); and
 - (3) publicly owned treatment works.
- (m) stockpiling and disposal of snow and ice containing deicing chemicals;
- (n) storage of commercial fertilizers, as defined in M.G.L. Chapter 128, §64, unless such storage is within a structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contaminated runoff or leachate;
- (o) automotive service and repair, boat repair and service, internal combustion engine service and repair, gasoline stations, and commercial car washes;
- (p) on-site dry cleaning establishments;
- (q) the excavation or the removal of soil, loam, sand, gravel or any other mineral substances within ten (10) feet of the historical high groundwater table elevation (as determined by a DEP approved soil evaluator in accordance with 310 CMR 15.103 (3) and witnessed by the Board of Health) unless the substances removed are re-deposited on site within 45 days of removal to achieve a final grading greater than ten (10) feet above the historical high water mark, and except for excavations for the construction of building foundations, swimming pools, roof runoff infiltration systems or the installation of utility works and approved drainage systems.

F. DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AQUIFER PROTECTION DISTRICT

1. Within Zone II, the Interim Wellhead Protection Area, and the Zone III, the minimum lot size for all uses is three (3) acres. A lot must have two hundred (200) feet of frontage on a street. The lot must comply with the dimensional requirements of the underlying zoning district for Front Yards and Rear Side Yards.
2. Within Zone II, the Interim Wellhead Protection Area, and the Zone III, the maximum lot coverage shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the lot.
 - (a) The following shall not be considered coverage:
 - (1) natural areas; such as, landscaping, gardens, lawns, etc.;
 - (2) one shed less than 120 square feet;
 - (3) open decks, (i.e. slotted, allowing precipitation to easily flow through to the ground);
 - (4) handicap ramps;
 - (5) above ground swimming pools;
 - (6) building footprints of up to ten percent (10%) of lot area, with approved artificial recharge systems.

- (b) Lot coverage is defined as all uses on a lot that include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) buildings,
 - (2) structures,
 - (3) driveways,
 - (4) parking areas, and
 - (5) impervious walkways and patios.
- (c) Lot coverage calculations for lots in an open space/cluster development (as defined in Section 171-25 of the Zoning Bylaws) shall be based on the inclusion of a proportionate share of the permanently protected open space approved as part of the open space/cluster development.

G. SPECIAL PERMIT USES

1. Unless a protected and lawful use, or an exempted use, the following shall require a Special Permit, pursuant to ~171-31, from the Zoning Board of Appeals:
 - (a) the expansion or modification of a non-conforming use.
 - (b) any subdivision of land subject to the requirements of Chapter 234.
 - (c) the construction of one or more multifamily structures.
2. Land uses and developments that require a Special Permit in the underlying zoning district, as designated in ~171-8, Table of Use Regulations, must comply with ~171-31. Special Permits; and the Application Procedures, Criteria, and Performance Standards that apply in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District, ~171-28.4 G. and ~171-28.4 H.
3. Application Procedures. The applicant must submit a completed Water Supply Protection Review Checklist with the application for a Special Permit.
4. Criteria.
 - (a) Before granting a special permit, the Zoning Board of Appeals shall consider the proposed use in relation to the site and the adjacent uses and structures and the town and shall find that there will be no significant adverse impacts to the Whately public water supplies and aquifer recharge areas, considering the following criteria:
 - (1) The proposed project complies with the performance standards of the Aquifer Protection Overlay District.

H. PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR THE AQUIFER PROTECTION OVERLAY DISTRICT

1. Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Multi-family Residential, and Residential Subdivision Recharge and Stormwater Management Requirements
 - (a) New commercial, industrial, institutional and multi-family residential uses, and all roads and parking facilities (greater than 5 spaces), shall require a stormwater management plan. The stormwater management plan must be developed by a professional engineer registered in the State of Massachusetts, and shall be reviewed and approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer who reserves the right to retain a consultant engineer to review said plan, at the applicant(s) expense.

- (b) Applicants are encouraged to incorporate natural drainage patterns and Low Impact Development (LID) techniques in their site design in order to mimic pre-development hydrology and remove pollutants from stormwater.
- (c) All recharge systems shall be maintained in full working order by the owner(s) under the provision of an operations and maintenance plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer to ensure that the system functions as designed.
- (d) Recharge systems shall be designed to contain a volume equivalent to one inch of runoff from the tributary area or, if dynamic operation is proposed, to accommodate at least a one-inch (1") runoff in a one (1) hour period.
- (e) Direct stormwater discharge, except roof runoff, into dry wells or underground discharge is prohibited on non-residential properties except where first filtered through a device that provides approved pre-treatment.
- (f) Infiltration systems shall be designed to control hazardous material spills, remove contamination, and to avoid sedimentation of leaching facilities.
- (g) The Zoning Board of Appeals may require an operations and maintenance plan for recharge systems including yearly inspection and enforcement procedures. The Zoning Enforcement Officer may modify the inspection schedule based on the results of prior inspections, not to exceed three (3) years between inspections.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following general bylaw and amend the Town of Whately Code to include said bylaw or take any other action relative thereto.

***TOWN OF WHATELY
RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW***

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Whately restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture-based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Whately by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;

- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, floricultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock, including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and
- keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches, and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;
- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- applications of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers’ market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Whately. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

A copy of the following disclosure notification shall be published by the Town of Whately on an annual basis in the town report. The disclosure notification shall state the following:

“It is the policy of this community to conserve, protect, and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform landowners and occupants of the Town of Whately that the property they own or occupy lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Landowners and occupants are also informed that the location of their property may be impacted by commercial agricultural

operations by existing right of ways or rental agreements already in place for such property under certain circumstances.”

Section 5 Resolution of Disputes

Any person who seeks to complain about the operation of a farm may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, file a grievance with the Select Board, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, or the Board of Health, depending upon the nature of grievance. The filing of the grievance does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies that the aggrieved may have. The Zoning Enforcement Officer or Select Board may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the referring Town authority within an agreed upon time frame.

The Board of Health, except in cases of imminent danger or public health risk, may forward a copy of the grievance to the Agricultural Commission or its agent, which shall review and facilitate the resolution of the grievance, and report its recommendations to the Board of Health within an agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Whately hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to amend the Whately Zoning bylaws and the Code of the Town of Whately by adding the following to ~171-8 Table of Use Regulations under “Accessory Uses” and adding section 171-28-3 as follows or take any other actions relative thereto.

To be added to ~ 171-8 (Table of Use Regulations)under “Accessory Uses”

	Residential/ Agricultural	Commercial	Commercial/ Industrial	Industrial
Amateur radio towers or antennas (see ~ 171-28.3)	SP	SP	SP	SP

To be added after ~171-28.2

~171-28.3. Amateur Radio Facilities.

- A. Purpose. The purpose of this section is to establish standards and procedures for the permitting of amateur radio facilities consistent with the following goals:
1. To reasonably accommodate the construction and operation of amateur radio facilities in accordance with federal law and M.G.L. C. 40A, §3, and
 2. To minimize the impacts amateur radio towers may cause, including, but not limited to: impacts on aesthetics, environmentally sensitive areas, and historical locations; obstruction of flight corridors; injurious accidents; property damage; and diminution of property values.

B. Definitions. As used in this chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated below:

1. AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR – an individual who (1) pursues an interest in radio technique as a personal aim without pecuniary interest and (2) holds an amateur operator license granted by the United States Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”).
2. AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA – any wire, set of wires, or exterior apparatus, designed, constructed, or used for amateur radio communications through the sending and/or receiving of electromagnetic waves.
3. AMATEUR RADIO TOWER – any structure designed, constructed, or used for the purpose of supporting one or more amateur radio antennas.

C. General Provisions:

1. No amateur radio antenna, or amateur radio tower, having any dimension greater than 5 feet shall be constructed or modified by any entity or individual (hereinafter the “applicant”) unless the applicant has obtained a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and site plan approval from the Planning Board pursuant to the provisions of this section.
2. Permits and approvals granted pursuant to this section are not transferable and may not be conveyed with ownership of a permitted amateur radio tower or amateur radio antenna.
3. No amateur radio antenna or tower permitted under this section shall be nearer to any property line, existing building, or way (public or private) than a distance equal to twice the vertical distance from the highest point of the antenna or tower, whichever is higher, to the mean finished grade at the base of the antenna or tower, whichever is lower.
4. Only one amateur radio tower shall be permitted per lot. An applicant may obtain an exemption from this restriction upon a showing that the type of amateur radio communications that the applicant wishes to engage in requires more than one amateur radio tower be placed on a lot.
5. Amateur radio antennas and amateur radio towers permitted under this section may only be used by amateur radio operators as a personal aim without pecuniary interest. No antenna or tower permitted under this section may be used for commercial purposes.
6. Antennas and towers commonly and universally associated with those that one finds in a factory area or an industrialized complex shall not be permitted in residential zones.
7. The height regulation set forth in ~171-9(c) shall not apply to amateur radio towers permitted under this section.

D. Submittal Requirements

1. As part of any application for a permit, applicants shall submit, at a minimum, the information required for site plan approval, as set forth herein at ~171-17, as may be amended. Applicants shall also describe the capacity of any proposed tower, including the number and types of antennas that it can accommodate and the basis for the calculation of capacity, and any accessory structures. For applications involving proposed or existing amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet, all calculations shall be certified by, and bear the stamp or seal of, a professional engineer licensed in Massachusetts.
2. All applications for amateur radio antennas or towers shall be made and filed on the application forms for site plan and special permit approval in accordance with ~171-17 and ~of the Whately Zoning Bylaws. In addition to the foregoing, five copies of the following documentation must be submitted for an application to be considered complete::
 - a. Proof that the applicant holds an amateur radio operator’s license issued by the FCC and that the applicant is in good standing with the FCC.
 - b. A locus plan at a scale of one inch equals 200 feet which shall show all property lines, the exact location of any proposed antennas or towers, street landscape features, residential dwellings on abutting lots and all buildings within 500 feet of any proposed antennas or towers.

- c. A color photograph or rendition of any proposed antennas or towers in their proposed location. A rendition shall also be prepared that illustrates any proposed antennas or towers from the nearest street or streets.
- d. Applicants seeking permits to construct or alter amateur radio towers with a height in excess of 55 feet shall submit the following additional documentation:
 - i. A description of any proposed towers or antennas and the technical, economic, or other reasons for the proposed location, height, and design.
 - ii. Confirmation that proposed towers or antennas comply with all applicable federal and state standards.
 - iii. A description of the capacity of any proposed antennas or towers including the number and type of panels, antennas and transmitter receivers that can be accommodated, the radio frequency coverage, and the basis for these calculations.
 - iv. A written statement that the proposed facility complies with, or is exempt from, applicable regulations administered by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

E. Review. The Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will review applications submitted pursuant to the provisions of this section based on the criteria listed below. The Planning Board, through the site plan review, may impose reasonable conditions, including height restrictions, to accomplish the purposes of this bylaw and the purposes of ~171-17.

- 1. Whether the proposed facility or modification complies with all local, state, and federal rules and regulations including, but not limited to, the general provisions of this section.
- 2. Whether existing on-site vegetation will be preserved to the maximum extent practicable.
- 3. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse visual effects.
- 4. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on environmentally sensitive areas.
- 5. Whether the plan minimizes, to the maximum extent feasible, adverse effects on nearby historical areas.
- 6. Whether the proposed or existing facility will be, or is, owned and operated by a licensed amateur radio operator.

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to adopt Section 18 of Mass General Laws Chapter 32B which requires that all eligible retirees enroll in Medicare Part B or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Finance Committee
Recommended by Selectmen*

Article 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,000 by borrowing to renovate the Whately Youth Center into the Whately Police Station according to construction design plans drawn by architect Bannister & Greenberg and to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7(9) for a period not to exceed five years, provided however, that this appropriation and debt authorization be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion referendum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 21C (k) or take any other action relative thereto.

*Recommended by Finance Committee
Recommended by Selectmen*

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Center School Offices, Post Office, and the S. W. Dickinson Library in said Whately, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of April in the year two thousand and six.

Selectmen

Alan E. Sanderson, Jr., Chair

of

Paul K. Newlin

Whately

Jonathan S. Edwards

A true copy. Attest:

Constable

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Franklin, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Whately in the County of Franklin,

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately on **Tuesday, the sixteenth day of May** next, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes for the election of the following officers:

One Moderator for one year
One Selectman for three years
One School Committee member for three years
One Assessor for three years
Two Library Trustees for three years
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years
One Board of Health for three years
One Water Commissioner for three years
One Elector Under Oliver Smith Will for one year
One Frontier Regional School District Committee member for three years

The polls will be open for voting from 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Post Office, S. White Dickinson Memorial Library and the Center School Offices in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding of said meeting.

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Jonathan S. Edwards
Board of Selectmen
Town of Whately

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*****IMPORTANT NOTICE TO VOTERS*****

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Last year we reported on the tremendous challenge we had to balance the FY06 budget. We are reluctant to report that FY07's budget has been even more difficult. The budget that was presented by town departments is \$378,000 out of balance. The budget requests for General Government increased 7.3% mostly due to increased insurance costs and increased fuel related charges. The schools brought forward very modest budget increases which were mainly related to contracted or mandated items. The Whately Elementary budget increased \$68,019 which is a 5.4% increase, Frontier's budget increased \$27,861 or 3.2% and the Franklin County Technical School decreased \$21,784 or -18% due to an enrollment drop. Taking into consideration that our debt for FY07 has also decreased, the entire operating budget is just 3% over last year.

In the past few years we have dipped into our reserve money, either Stabilization or Free Cash to balance the budget and keep our capital plan on track. These reserves are drying up. The budget that we are presenting to you will reflect the following:

- No Capital items except for the Frontier District Office renovation (\$9,204) (The 3 other towns are recommending this project so Whately will be obligated.)
- No COLA increases for town government employees (Schools do have COLA in their budgets)
- Level fund to FY06 budget amounts for all town government departments that we are able to. This will result in a level funded budget but not level funded services. Costs have increased and services will have to be cut.
- Decrease the elementary school budget by \$23,931. (The school chose to cut only \$14,210)
- Use \$50,000 set aside in FY05 for Town Hall Building Design to offset the deficit
- Use \$29,000 of our Stabilization fund to offset the deficit

With all of these cuts we are still faced with a \$240,000 deficit which we are recommending be brought to the voters for override votes. The Finance Committee is recommending a menu override which will identify specific departments that will be affected by the override. An itemized list of departments affected will be included in the warrant for Annual Town Meeting. A list of the effects of the override on town departments and the estimated cost of each menu item to the taxpayer will be available for town meeting.

In year's past the Finance Committee has tried to balance the needs of the town financially without limiting the services provided or eliminating our reserves. This year services will need to be cut. There are no more reserves to offset the budget and State Aid continues to be less than generous. The net State Aid to the Town of Whately in Governor Romney's proposed budget for FY07 is \$217,802 which is about 5% of our entire operating budget. This means that the remaining 95% needs to be raised through local receipts and taxation. The Chapter 70 (Education) state aid to the Town is actually going down in Governor Romney's proposed budget. Governor Romney proposed a new formula to calculate Chapter 70. A formula that we thought

couldn't get any worse, has. The Chapter 70 formula has been consistently detrimental to the Town of Whately since its inception in 1993. Conway which is similar in size, makeup and evaluation to Whately gets SIX times the Chapter 70 aid that Whately gets. The Selectmen's Office, School Committee and Administration have addressed this inequity with our legislators and the Department of Education and are still waiting and hoping for changes to that formula. Please feel free to contact Representative Kulik and Senator Rosenberg regarding your Chapter 70 concerns as well.

Governor Romney's is not the final budget and we are hoping that the House and Senate at the very least will increase Chapter 70 back to the FY06 rate which will give us \$40,644 more in state aid.

Stabilization and Free Cash are our rainy day accounts and presently they each have very low balances. It is normally recommended that the Stabilization account be maintained at a level of at least 5% of the total budget or \$200,000. Stabilization is presently at \$179,000. Last year we had \$359,000 of Free Cash to balance our budget, this year we have \$29,149. The Finance Committee is recommending that Free Cash not be touched this year so that it may help to regenerate that resource for next year.

Last year with the failure of the \$68,000 override, the school cut their budget \$20,000 and several capital items were eliminated to balance the budget. These items were a new highway department 1-ton truck to replace the pickup, a cruiser, historical records preservation and the playground. The town was lucky enough to receive a generous private donation to the playground fund so that project became a reality in FY06. There are no capital items in the FY07 budget except for our share of the Frontier Regional District Office renovations.

Because the State budget is still up in the air, it is the recommendation of this committee, to delay voting on financial items until June when town meeting can be reconvened. We still encourage everyone to attend the April 25th meeting because there are zoning bylaws and general bylaws that will affect the town.

The Finance Committee and Selectmen have made what they feel are the best decisions for the Town of Whately during this very difficult financial time. We now seek the voters help in determining the future of the Town of Whately.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee

Paul Antaya, Chair
Thomas Mahar
Robert Fydenkevez

Jane Grybko
Maryann Sadoski

Dan Kennedy
Gregory Gagnon

REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Back in 2002 the Town Building Study Committee was established and our first task was to have a Space Needs Study completed for all town buildings. Bannister and Greenberg of Putney, Vermont was hired to assess all the buildings and develop a plan to accommodate all town offices for at least 20 years in the future.

Three proposals were generated. One was to consolidate all town offices into the Town Hall by adding on an addition. Another was to consolidate all offices into the Town Hall by utilizing the upstairs space and the third proposal was to build an entirely new building. Also included in these proposals was a plan to move the police department out of the basement of Center School and into the Youth Center. The Committee recommended the addition to Town Hall as the best choice for the town. The Town also voted to set aside \$50,000 for the design phase of the Town Hall and the name of the committee was switched to the Municipal Building Committee.

After reviewing the options and the lack of available funding, the Committee came to the conclusion that the Town Hall project was beyond our financial means at this point. The Municipal Building Committee changed its focus to the Police Department. During the last couple of years the Police Department has suffered some flooding which has created a mold problem in the basement offices. Also, the Police Department is not handicapped accessible and there is no way to separate prisoners from the general public which creates a safety and liability issue for the town. Prisoners are brought in the same door as those seeking the other offices of the building.

The Youth Center which was in its heyday in the 1970's and 80's has become underutilized since the building of the Whately Elementary School. This past year the Selectmen decided that to heat the building was too costly over the winter and have winterized the building. We felt that the building would be the ideal space for the police department. The LaSalle family who was instrumental in the initial building of the Youth Center in memory of Richard LaSalle has agreed to the transformation.

The Municipal Building Committee has had a design created for the conversion of the Youth Center into a Police Department. The cost estimate for this conversion project came in at \$150,000. This would make the police department handicapped accessible, allow for a separate entrance for prisoners and a private area to hold the prisoners. There would also be a meeting space that could be used by other town departments which is sorely needed at this time. The Committee felt that some of tasks in the proposal could be handled with volunteer effort so the cost has been lowered to \$130,000. This cost is very minimal compared to what it would cost to build a new station and the building is well suited to the conversion.

Although the financial outlook of the town is bleak this year, the Municipal Building Committee is recommending a debt-exclusion vote to fund this very badly needed project. As construction costs continue to rise, delaying the project only adds to the cost. We also feel that this will be a great use of this building because it is the right size and at a perfect site. Bannister and Greenberg, the architects who designed the project will do a presentation at Town Meeting explaining the highlights of the renovated building. We look forward to the voters support for this sorely needed project.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Allis
Lynn DiTullio
Gary Grybko
Jim Sevigne, Police Chief

Adelia Bardwell
Ralph Farrick
Alan Sanderson, Jr.
Lynn Sibley, Town Administrator

**Coffee & Dessert
before Town Meeting**

**6:30 April 25, 2006
Whately Elementary
School Cafeteria**

All are welcome

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**Free childcare available at
town meeting**

**Call 665-6739 to reserve a
space for your child or
children.**

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Whately Transfer Station Calendar

-2006 -

Note: Only trash in Town of Whately bags (available at transfer station) will be accepted for disposal at the transfer station to reduce costs.

Free Sharps Collection –For residents who use hypodermic needles and lancets for personal health, free collection boxes may be picked up and returned when full at: Whately Health Center, 181 State Rd., Sat. 9-12.

May 6 & June 3 only - Brush Chipping, 8 a.m.-noon. Bring brush up to 6" in diameter and free of nails and dirt, but please: **NO** leaves, grass, or construction debris. Chips available afterwards for landscaping.

★ **Swap Shed – First Saturday of month ONLY starting May 6 through Oct. 7, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.** Bring only books, sporting goods, and small toys at this time –NO exercise equipment please. Take items you can use free. All items must be in good condition & re-usable or will be rejected. PLEASE be considerate of staff and other residents, don't bring or leave broken junk or parts!

May 20 - Bulky Waste Collection day, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For old furniture, stoves, freezers & refrigerators–**DOORS MUST BE REMOVED FIRST**, mowers, emptied BBQ tanks, computers and TV's, metals, air conditioners, bicycles, beds, radios & more. Fees charged for certain items. **NO Tires** this time. Swap shed will also be open.

Sept. 9 - Hazardous Waste Collection day at Montague Highway Department. Bring toxic materials like motor oil, pesticides and solvents, auto batteries, etc. Pre-registration required, call 772-2438.

Fall - Bulky Waste Day TBA. Stay tuned to bulletin board.

After the holidays each year, bring Christmas trees for chipping.

★ More recycling information over → → → → → → → →

In 2005, Whately residents saved nearly \$9,212 by recycling more than 46% of our waste stream. Thank you once again for doing a great job! If you would like more information on these programs, please call 665-4561. -Whately Waste Management Committee

PLEASE RECYCLE

Don't forget to Reuse When Possible!

PAPER

Keep these materials together and separate from commingled containers.



- ▲ All paper and cardboard must be clean & dry.
- ▲ **Junk mail**— Plastic windows are acceptable - no need to remove them
- ▲ **Boxboard**— Cereal, shoe, cracker boxes, etc. Remove plastic liners.
- ▲ **Newspapers/ inserts**
- ▲ **Magazines/catalogs**
- ▲ **Paper bags**
- ▲ **White and colored office paper**
- ▲ **Computer paper**
- ▲ **Corrugated cardboard**— Flatten, remove tape and string.
- ▲ **Paperbacks & phone books**— Remove covers.

*No soda or beer holders/cartons.
No waxed paper or waxed cardboard.
No pizza boxes, egg cartons or wrapping paper.*

CONTAINERS

RINSE. Keep these materials together and separate from paper.



- ▲ **Glass bottles/jars**, only clear, green, brown, less than 2 gallons
— Labels, lids, corks, neck rings, etc. are ok.
- ▲ **Aluminum, tin/steel cans and lids and aluminum foil** — Labels are ok.
- ▲ **Milk & juice cartons (tent top), drink boxes**
Remove straws & caps, flatten.
- ▲ **Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and microwave trays/containers**
— Remove caps, lids, pumps and wraps. Labels and detergent spouts may be left on.

*No light bulbs, window or auto glass, dishes, glasses, Pyrex, ceramics, or broken glass.
No paint or aerosol cans or other metal objects.
No plastic bags, containers over 2 gal., motor oil jugs, chemical or Styrofoam containers or flower pots.*

Tips for Recycling for Other Materials...

Rechargeable Batteries



Most Radio Shack's, nat'l. hardware chains have free recycling programs or contact your recycling coordinator.

Clothing



Goodwill and Salvation Army take clothes, draperies, etc.

Books



Donate to libraries. Some book stores buy used books.

Wire Hangers



Accepted by many dry cleaners in the region. May be accepted in scrap metal locally.

Plastic Bags



Recycled at some area supermarkets. Call 1-800-438-5856 for location nearest you.

Polystyrene "Peanuts"



Call 1-800-828-2214 for the peanuts collection nearest you or call 1-800-789-4623 for nearest Mailboxes Etc.

YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS



WON'T GO TO WASTE

For answers to specific questions about your community's program call your recycling coordinator. For questions on types of recyclables taken call the DEP at 413-755-2293 or 1-888-888-0784 ext. 2293 or E-Call at 1-800-800-6881 or locally 665-4561.

TOWN DIRECTORY

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire, Ambulance, Police

911

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

<i>Department</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Assessors	Town Hall	665-3470
Board of Health	Center School	665-8051
Health Agent – Jackie Duda	Foothills Health District	268-8404
Animal Control Officer		665-8027
Emergency Management	Center School	665-4400
FAX for Center School		665-9560
FAX for Town Hall		665-5064
Fire Department		665-2230
Burning Permits		625-8200
Highway Department		665-2983
Highway Department Fax		665-2984
Inspection Services		772-2026
Building	Courthouse	x123
Plumbing & Gas	Courthouse	x125
Wiring	Courthouse	x126
Police (non-emergency)	Center School	665-0430
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)		625-8200
Schools:		
Whately Elementary		665-7826
Frontier Regional		665-2118
Franklin County Technical		863-9561
Selectmen	Center School	665-4400
S. White Dickinson Library	Library	665-2170
Town Collector/Treasurer	Town Hall	665-2595
Town Clerk	Center School	665-0054
Town Accountant	Town Hall	665-2595
Water Department	Center School	665-3080

OFFICE HOURS

Assessors	Tuesdays 10 A.M. – 9 P.M.
	Wednesdays 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
Library	Mondays and Wednesdays 10 A.M. – 8 P.M.
	Saturdays 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Selectmen	Monday – Friday 9 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
Town Clerk	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9 A.M.- 4 P.M.
	Tuesdays Noon – 7 P.M.
Treasurer/Town Collector	Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:45 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.
	Mondays 3 – 7 P.M.
Transfer Station	Tuesday, Noon – 5 P.M. Saturdays 7 A.M. – 5 P.M.